

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

January felt like it was at least 6 months long, and February has felt like about 6 days - at least from my perspective! I think that's partly the weather, perhaps, and partly the busyness of the Lenten season we're now in as well as the busyness of my own life. Before we get to Easter, though, and all the other things looming this spring (graduations, travel, summer plans...) - would you take a moment with me and consider our Lenten theme again: Created for Community.

In March your Kountze Council will be taking a couple of Adult Forum times, on March 10 and 17, to share with you some of the work we've been doing in the last few months as we think about our future together. We have set some goals - some broad, some more specific - around growth and engagement. We want to see Kountze become more connected: with one another, with the ministry we share here, with our neighbors in the community around us, and most of all with God and God's work happening in our world. One technical thing Council has done - which we will share more about in those forums - is organize the groups and activities that exist around here into Seven Ministry Areas. The goal is not any significant change in the activities themselves, but rather to streamline the way we communicate. We hope this will help us better convey to people ways they can get connected, better communicate between our leadership and the various groups, and together be more focused on where and how God is leading us.

So how does this affect you? And what does it have to do with Lent and our theme of Created for Community? Well, that's what I'm asking you to reflect on! This Lent we're exploring the ways God made us to be in community - connected to - with all of creation, with all the people of God, with our neighbors, with those on the margins, and with Christ. How is your connection to those communities God made you to be a part of? Where is your sense of connection strong? Where is it weak? Please do NOT hear me asking you to DO more. This isn't about doing, it's about being - being who God created us to be in communion,

connection, with one another. Sometimes we have to do less in order to be well connected. Sometimes, perhaps often, our busyness actually gets in the way of true community.

We all flourish together as a church when everyone's gifts are welcomed and used, and everyone's needs are acknowledged and addressed. We all have gifts to offer in the body of Christ, and we need each other so that we might all grow stronger in faith, hope, and love. And not only do we flourish - we are able to contribute to the flourishing of our neighbors, our wider community, and all creation. So would you take some time this month to ponder - where do you need to strengthen your connections? And join us March 10 and 17 to think about how God is leading us as Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church to be a stronger, more connected community worshiping, growing, and serving together.

Have a Blessed Lent!

Pastor Lucy



See the draft of Seven Areas of Ministry on page 5

WORSHIP *with us...*

Worship Times

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all three weekend liturgies which use resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM; Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

The 9:00 AM liturgy is broadcast on Cox Cable Channel 13 and is also live-streamed on our website (www.kmlchurch.org). The Sunday bulletin is available on our website.

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings from 8:45 AM until 12:00 PM as well as other Occasional Special Church Services.

A brief, spoken Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Rotunda. During Advent and Lent these services are in the Sanctuary.



Photo by Jake Madison

Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

website. Go to www.kmlchurch.org and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze or sponsor a television broadcast if you wish. This is a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one who has passed away, celebrate a special anniversary or milestone, or can be given in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the church bulletin on the weekend you select.

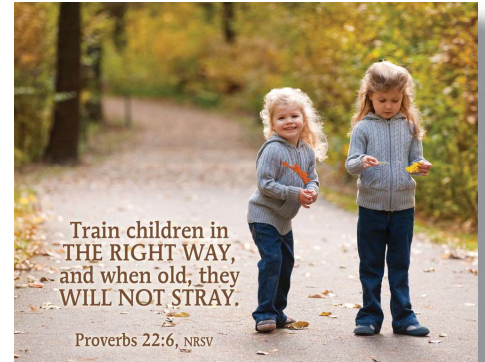
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

You can sign up for a date to provide flowers, eternal candle, and/or our television broadcast by signing up in the Narthex, calling the church office, going online to our giving page, or placing a check in the mail or offering plate marked "flowers, candle, or TV ministry. Please let us know if it is in honor/memory/celebration of someone. Thanks.



Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available. We also have a room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.



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GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

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| March 3 | Review of Lenten Theme |
| March 10 | Council Structure & Goals Presentation |
| March 17 | Council Structure & Goals, cont. |
| March 24 | Fellowship (Palm Sunday) |
| March 31 | Fellowship (Easter Sunday) |

come grow with us!

ELCA Young Adult Gathering

Young Adults (19–25-year-olds)

July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans



An ELCA Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Each group will have separate daytime offerings followed by a joint Evening Program. The last day

to register is April 15.

Please consider attending. More information can be found at <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>. Please let one of the Pastors know if you are interested so we can help you make connections for your trip. Madeline O'Kane is the primary leader for those from Kountze Memorial and Immanuel in Bellevue.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 23 & 24

5 PM, 9 & 11 AM Eucharist with Palm Procession and Passion Reading

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 25, 26, & 27

12:15 PM Eucharist in Rotunda Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 28

11 AM Lunch (free-will offering)

12:15 PM Worship

5 PM Dinner (free-will offering)

6:30 PM Worship & First Communion (Nursery care is available for children ages infant – 4 years in the nursery located near the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an Usher for directions.)

Good Friday, March 29

12-3 PM Ecumenical Good Friday Service: Seven Words from the Cross with Guest Speakers, String Quartet and Kountze Choir

6:30 PM Tenebrae (Veneration of the Cross and Service of Shadows) (Nursery)

Holy Saturday, March 30

10 PM Easter Vigil (Fire, Word, Water, Eucharist) (There will be no 5:00 PM Saturday service)

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 AM Festival of the Resurrection in the Link

8 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast

9 & 11:00 AM Festival of the Resurrection

10:10 AMish Easter Egg Hunt in the Green Space after the 9 AM service



SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



Thank-you to everyone who donated so generously to the Kountze Food Pantry. The gloves, hats, scarves and socks were greatly appreciated and needed by our guests in the frigid weeks of January. Your donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and other personal care items are

always needed and welcomed.

Currently the greatest and most urgent need is for volunteers. A small group of dedicated faithful are receiving, moving and restocking almost 10,000 lbs. of goods every Monday morning. If you or anyone you know can assist us in our mission of "Feeding the Poor, in Christ's Name", please sign up at the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2023 -1/31/2024)

Income:

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| Grants | \$ | - |
| Donations: | \$ | 4,360.54 |
| Memorials | \$ | 60.00 |
| | \$ | 84,420.54 |

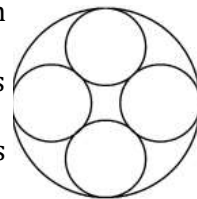
Expenses:

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| Grant Expense | \$ | - |
| Regular Expenses | | |
| Aldi | \$ | - |
| Costco | \$ | - |
| Hidden Valley Ind. | \$ | 3,469.57 |
| Hy-Vee | \$ | - |
| Dollar Tree | \$ | - |
| Family Fare | \$ | - |
| Food Bank | \$ | - |
| Walmart | \$ | 324.00 |
| Sam's Club | \$ | - |
| Other | \$ | - |
| | \$ | 3,793.57 |

Balance \$ **626.97**

Love Thy Neighbor Food Drive Begins!

The Kountze Food Pantry spring food -- Love Thy Neighbor -- began February 14! The last day of the drive is Easter Sunday, March 31. The Pantry is in need of unexpired, nonperishable foods in cans, boxes, and plastic jars. Please no glass jars. Pop-top cans--whether for veggies, meat or fruit--are a plus. Possible donations may include canned beans, meats (chicken or tuna), vegetables, fruits, and soups/stews; boxes of crackers, granola bars, oatmeal, pasta, rice, instant potatoes; and plastic jars of peanut butter or pasta sauce.



The Love Thy Neighbor food drive is also to honor Wayne Simmonds and the generosity of Sherri Labedz and Terri Gogetap, who named the pantry Love Thy Neighbor to honor their father. Sherri, Terri, and their father, Wayne, have been faithful and generous members of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Wayne loved the Kountze Food Pantry and made it a priority to volunteer at this very special ministry to help "the least of these" in our community.

Please encourage your fellow parishioners, family, friends, coworkers, and social circles to help in this wonderful cause! We would love the support from clubs and troops as well.

Questions or need to arrange a delivery of food? Please contact me at 402-341-7761, ex. 222 or jill@kmlchurch.org or jill@kountzecommons.org.

With gratitude,
Jill Conway
Executive Director
Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center

Eucharistic Ministers

A monthly visit and sharing communion with one of our members is an opportunity for you to consider. We have members waiting to see you, hear the news of the church, and receive the gift of grace that we receive each week. If you are curious, please let the office know. You will find that bringing this grace to another, adds gifts to your spiritual walk as well.

NEWS & Notes...



January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order. Previous minutes approved, with amendment. Meeting agenda adopted.

Smoke-Free Campus- discussed with Jim, KMLC already owns receptacles. Property will meet on the issue.

New Business: Engaging new membership (new, young, diverse). Use committee report form after committee meetings.

Finance Committee: see 2024 budget rough draft. Less pledges for 2024 than 2023. Per budget, \$85,000 will

go to the synod. Donated money to synod goes to synod ministries, new developments, as well as operational expenses. Discussion of whether to increase/decrease pledge. Will revisit. Discussion of proposed Worship & Music budget for \$45,000 for vocalists.

Committee reports given and approved by Council.

Finance: Over \$11,000 net income for December. Social

Ministry: attempting to come up with a mission statement.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. Next new member class will be 1/21.

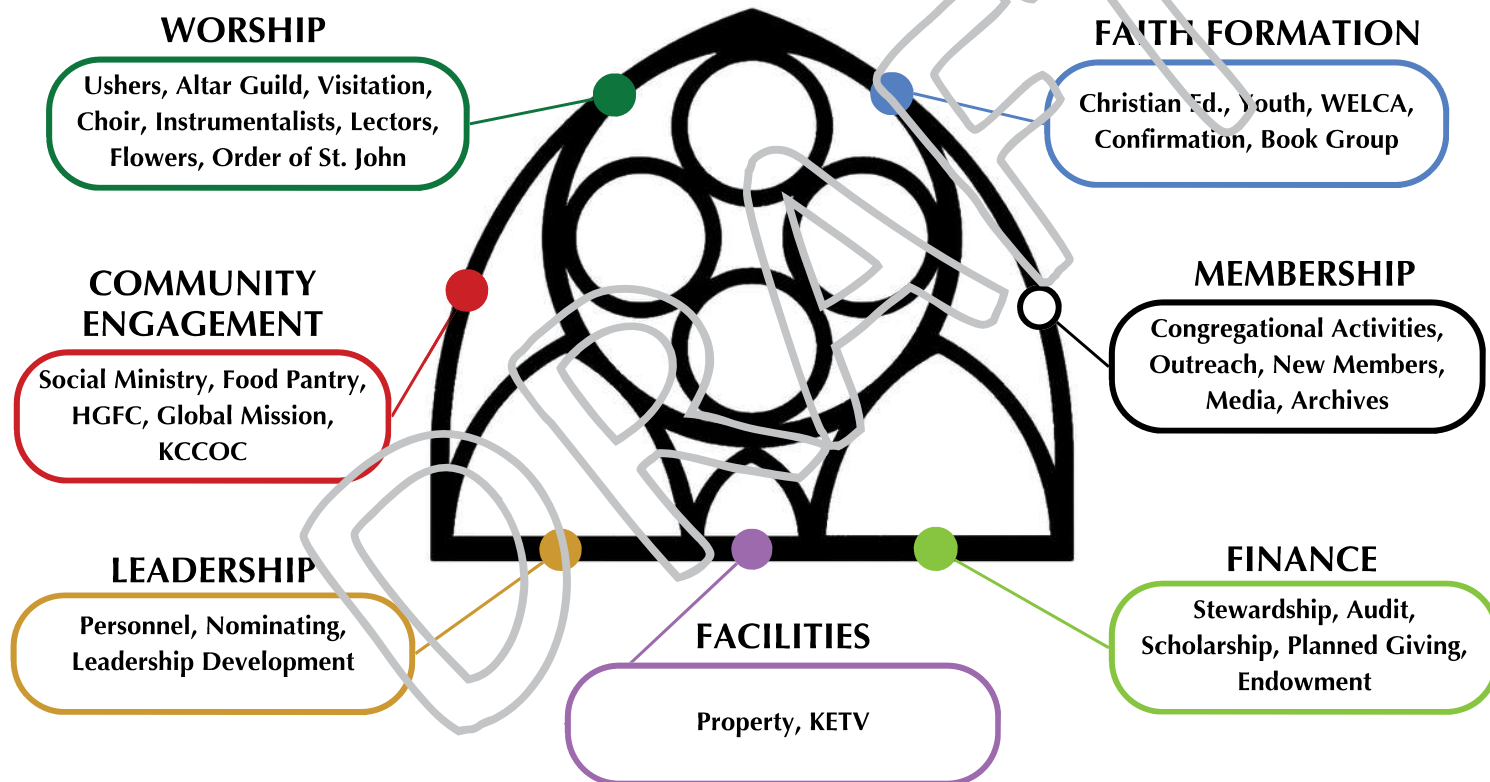
Council entered into closed session to discuss Personnel matters.

Motion and approval to adjourn the meeting by a voice vote. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship + Grow + Serve

7 Areas of Ministry:



Cards with Friends

Thursday, March 7

2:00 PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time together playing cards. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share.



KMLC Book Group



Sunday, March 10

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

***The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave**

A mystery-thriller novel that was a New York Times bestseller and adapted for a T.V. miniseries, written by highly recognized author, Laura Dave.

Character, Owen Michael's, disappears and leaves a note for his wife, Hannah, with the message, "protect her". This refers to his teenage daughter, Bailey, who has a strained relationship with her stepmother. After Hannah is unable to contact her husband, and she is visited by FBI agents, and U.S. Marshals, she realizes that Owen is not who he says he is. The story unravels his true identity and why he disappeared. Hannah and Bailey develop a better relationship during the fast-paced novel of plot twists and a final heartbreaking turn at the end.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, March 21

11:30 AM

Fellowship Lounge

Cost: \$10.00

An Irishman walks into a bar and say's: Are you going to the men's lunch at Kountze for the best corned beef and cabbage in town? And the bartender say's, yes there is no reason not to celebrate St. Patrick's Day twice in one month!

Join us in the link for a post St. Patrick's Day celebration with corned beef, cabbage and baby potatoes. The desert may not be the only thing green! Wear green and bring your favorite Irish jokes to share.

Please sign up at the welcome desk, call the church office or email: jim@kmlchurch.org to reserve your seat by Tuesday, March 19.



11th Annual Heart of Camp Gala

April 6, 2024

A View West Shores

We are invited to the eleventh annual Heart of Camp Gala to bring Faith: Alive! by celebrating the work done through Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Your participation and generosity at this year's Gala will enable NLOM to provide opportunities to campers no matter where they are in life. All are welcome here, in these places where we live out faith in ways that show everyone they belong and are unconditionally loved by God.

Mark your calendar! Registrations will open on February 1, and RSVPs are due by March 15.

For auction, sponsor, and ticket information go to:

<https://www.caroljoyholling.org/gala>



If You are Hospitalized...



If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please be sure to let the church office know at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org.

Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound



After the 11:00 AM service on Sundays, donated altar flower bouquets can be taken to hospitalized members, nursing homes, or care centers. This is a great way to brighten someone's day and to grow friendships!

If you are at the 11:00 AM service and know of someone who would like to be remembered in this way, please take one of the bouquets to them. If you attended another service but would like to deliver flowers, please call the church office on Monday to see if they are still available.

Your help is appreciated!

Pastoral Acts

(January 16 - February 15, 2024)

Weddings:

Nicole Campbell & Jacob Jones
February 7

Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday from 8 - 10:45 AM

The youth and young adults will be providing Egg Casseroles, Pastries, Fruit and Yogurt on Easter morning. All proceeds will go to support the ELCA Youth and Young Adult Gatherings in New Orleans this summer, so please be generous if you are able.



New Member Classes

April 14 & 21

10:15 AM

Explore the potential of joining Kountze Memorial by attending our upcoming new member classes. Please plan to attend both sessions. We will welcome new members on Sunday,

April 28. Questions or planning to attend? Call the church office – we look forward to connecting with you!

Honoring High School and all other Graduates

Sunday, April 28

9 or 11 AM

Reception: 10:10 - 10:50 AM

If you have graduated in the past year or will graduate this spring, please let us know. On April 28 we will uplift the names of all who have celebrated a graduation during the year. Call the church office by April 15 at 402-341-7761 or email shari@kmlchurch.org, so we can celebrate with you.

A Quilt Blessing for high school graduates will take place on that date. There will also be a reception of Congratulations and Celebration in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10 - 10:50 AM. Along with breakfast, cake will be served.

Cards of Congratulations can be brought by the congregation on this day. If you forget, we have some that you can write on at the Welcome Desk.

A listing of all graduates will be in the May Good News and the Sunday bulletin on April 21 and 28.

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

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| Loan Balance, 1/1/2024..... | \$1,823,288.99 |
| Principal Payment, 1/29/2024..... | \$892,000.00 |
| Principal Payment, 2/1/2024 | \$ 7,495.53 |
| Interest Payment, 2/1/2024..... | \$5,975.40 |
| Balance, 2/1/2024 | \$916,129.58 |

Finances: January, 2024

| | <i>January</i> | <i>Year-to-Date</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total General Fund | | |
| Income: | \$ 99,685.09 | \$ 99,685.09 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Mission Support: | \$ - | \$ - |
| Christian Education: | \$ 46.42 | \$ 46.42 |
| Facility Costs: | \$ 11,026.72 | \$ 11,026.72 |
| Staff Compensation: | \$ 64,342.21 | \$ 64,342.21 |
| Worship & Music: | \$ 3,575.39 | \$ 3,575.39 |
| Parish Life: | \$ 1,745.83 | \$ 1,745.83 |
| Youth: | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Office & Administration: | \$ 8,076.28 | \$ 8,076.28 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 88,963.85 | \$ 88,962.85 |



March 17 - 19, 2024

April 21 - 23, 2024

July 7 - 9, 2024

September 22 - 24, 2024

October 20 - 22, 2024

December 6 - 8, 2024

Carol Joy Holling Camp

These retreats are for crafters of any kind. Bring your own projects and use this time away to get caught up or do new projects! It's a great time to meet new friends, learn new skills, and be inspired by others' creativity.

These retreats fill up fast - there's a wait list for March - so be sure to sign up early! Register online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5ymm67rp>

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



Sunday School

Ages 2 yr-6th grade
Sundays, 10:10 AM

The Sunday School just completed a short rotational lesson on "The Lord's Prayer". We are now learning about the time of Lent, focusing on Holy Week, in lessons titled "Journey to the Cross".

Children's Choir

Sundays, 9:10 AM
(following 9 AM Children's Blessing)
2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room
Grades K-6

Join Barb Carlsen on the 2nd floor in the Sunday School Music Room.



March 8-9, 2024

8 PM - 8 AM

Grades 6-8

Carol Joy Holling Camp



Carol Joy Holling Camp is hosting yet another Middle School Lock-in this Spring! Join in the fun of night camp activities, fellowship, and

learning more about God. This lock-in provides the chance for youth attending Summer Camp, and/or Confirmation Camp the opportunity to begin diving into God's grace and growing in faith. Youth that is just wishing to spend time with friends, learn more about God, and have a fun time will also find a meaningful message at this lock-in and an experience they can take with them for the rest of their lives. Cost: \$35 per camper and includes lodging, meals, and programming from 8:00 PM on Friday through 8:00 AM on Saturday.

A tentative schedule and registration can be found at:

<https://www.cjhcenter.org/lock-in>

Drive-in Movie

KMLC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 9

Pre-K-grade 6 and their families

5 PM

Beginning at 5 PM, children will gather in the Sunday school room to decorate their "car" for the drive-in. Parents are welcome to help craft, or attend the 5 PM Saturday night service. At 6 PM, families are invited to rejoin their children for pizza and a movie at the drive in. Bring your favorite movie snack to share. Pizza and



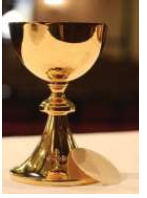
refreshments provided. RSVP in the church office, or by emailing Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

First Communion Classes

Sundays, March 17 & 24

12 PM (after 11 AM Worship)

Students that have shown an interest in receiving Communion are welcome to join. Around 2nd grade is encouraged. Please see Kristin Boe or email Kristin@kmlchurch.org to sign your child up for this class. First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, March 28.



Easter Sunday, 10:10 AM (following the 9 AM service)

In the Green Space (weather permitting)

Don't forget to bring your basket!



Saturday, April 20, 2024

9 AM - 3:30 PM

Grades 1-6

Trailhead at Carol Joy Holling Camp

Our Explore! Day Retreats for elementary students are a chance for young campers to get out and enjoy camp in one compact and fun day. If your child is missing camp or has never been to camp, Explore! gives them the perfect opportunity to experience a day of adventure and faith-building out at CJH Camp. In addition to Bible study and worship, we will be experiencing many favorite camp activities together as we share in fun and fellowship.

Every Explore! Day Retreat is different, so first-time and long-time participants can both join in the fun as we focus on environmental education, fellowship, and faith! Cost: \$25 per camper. This cost includes meals and programming on Saturday.

A tentative schedule and registration can be found at:

<https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore>

Camp Firelight VBS

St. Timothy's Church (510 N 93rd St)

July 8-11

5:15 PM: Family Dinner

6-8 PM: Class

Have an adventure with God this summer! Make plans now to attend VBS. Registration is open now to register for VBS youth and volunteers. Sign up



with the following link:

<https://kountze.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Volunteer opportunities include kitchen clean up, teachers, assistants, and more. We would love to see you there!

Confirmation Program

During Lent, confirmation students will be at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church providing leadership for Lenten Worship and meals. You will see them involved as acolytes, ushers, and providing assistance in the kitchen. They are greatly encouraged to be present for the Holy Week worship opportunities as well. We give thanks for their contribution to our time together during the Lenten Season of the church.



Youth Forum

Grades 7 - 12

10:10 AM

Grab your breakfast and meet each Sunday at 10:10 AM in the Youth Room. Join us for time to grow our relationships with God and

each other with the following activities:

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| March 3 | Current Events |
| March 10 | Spiritual Practices |
| March 17 | "Created to Be" Bible Study |
| March 24 | Games |
| March 31 | Serving Easter Breakfast |

ELCA Youth Gathering/ Young Adult Gathering Meeting

Held at Immanuel in Bellevue (104 Galvin Rd. N)

Sunday, March 3

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

All participants attending the Gathering this summer will get together for an information, relationship-building, and lunch meeting. If you would like to donate toward the trip, please go to

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z45H/home>

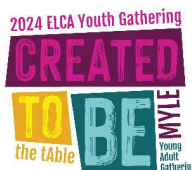
and click on Youth Mission Trip Sponsorships. Thank you for your support.

2024 Summer Youth Trip

Special Breakfast Events

Be sure to mark your calendars for NOLA awareness events where we will be uplifting the culture of New Orleans:

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| March 31 | Easter Breakfast |
| May 12 | Beignet Breakfast |



Let's Go to the Movies

Sunday, March 10

High School, College, and Young Adults

Let's head to the movies! Watch for the time and place. If you have ideas of movies that you would like to see, let Dannika Rees or Brooks Hinrichs know or contact the church office.



March 22-23, 2024

8:00 PM - 8:00 AM

Grades 9-12

Carol Joy Holling Camp

Come join in the fun of all-night camp activities, fellowship, and learning more about God. The Lock-In also serves as a preview to our 2024 Summer Camp theme. This event provides the chance for youth attending summer camp the opportunity to begin diving into God's grace and growing in faith. Youth that are just wishing to spend time with friends, learn more about God, and have a fun time will also find a meaningful message at this Lock-In and an experience they can take with them the rest of their lives. Cost: \$35 per camper. This cost includes lodging, meals and programming from Friday night to Saturday morning.

A tentative schedule and registration can be found at:

<https://www.cjhcenter.org/lock-in>

Easter Breakfast



The youth and young adults will be providing Egg Casseroles, Pastries, Fruit, and Yogurt for Easter Sunday from 8 - 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go to support the ELCA Youth and Young Adult Gatherings in New Orleans this summer.

Youth and Young Adults mark your calendars to come and support this effort with Saturday Breakfast Prep from 10 AM - Noon. Sunday baking, serving, and clean up from 7 - 11:30 AM.

High School Graduate Quilt Blessing

Sunday, April 28

9 or 11 AM

A reception of Congratulations and Celebration will take place on April 28 from 10:10 - 10:50 AM. Along with breakfast, cake will be served. **High School Seniors**, please submit 5 to 7 photos to include in the video presentation that will be shown during this time to shari@kmlchurch.org.



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CALENDAR



March 1 Friday

Scholarship Application Deadline
10:30 AM Darlene White Funeral
5:00 PM Pantry

March 2 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 3 Sunday

Lent 3
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
11:30 AM Youth Gathering/Young Adult Gathering Meeting

March 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 6 Wednesday

11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:30 PM Worship
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

March 7 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 8 Friday

Mar 8 - Mar 9 Middle School Lock-in
(gr 6-8) Camp CJH
5:00 PM Pantry

March 9 Saturday

Drive-In Movie (Pre K - gr 6)
5:00 PM Worship

March 10 Sunday

Lent 4
Daylight Savings--spring ahead 1 hour



8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Book Group
5:00 PM Night Out at the Movies
(High School, College, & Young Adults)

March 11 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
5:00 PM KCCOC Board

March 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 13 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

4:00 PM Executive Committee

5:00 PM Lenten Dinner

6:30 PM Worship

March 14 Thursday

Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 15 Friday

Good News Deadline
5:00 PM Pantry

March 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 17 Sunday

Lent 5
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM First Communion Class

March 18 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board

March 19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council

March 20 Wednesday

11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:30 PM Worship

March 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5

March 22 Friday

Mar 22 - Mar 23 High School Lock-in
(gr 9-12) Camp CJH
Wedding Rehearsal

11:00 AM Gloria Houston Funeral

5:00 PM Pantry

March 23 Saturday

Lundgren & Peterson Wedding
5:00 PM Worship

March 24 Sunday

Palm Sunday
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM First Communion Class

March 25 Monday

Monday in Holy Week
10:00 AM Pantry
12:15 PM Worship

March 26 Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:15 PM Worship
12:30 PM Circle 3

March 27 Wednesday

Wednesday in Holy Week
12:15 PM Worship

March 28 Thursday

Maundy Thursday
First Communion
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:30 PM Worship

March 29 Friday

Good Friday
12:00-3:00 PM Ecumenical Good

Friday Service

6:30 PM Worship

March 30 Saturday

Easter Vigil
No 5:00 PM Worship
10:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship

March 31 Sunday



7:30 AM Worship
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
8:00 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast



1. Pam Backora, Joseph Hawkins, Grayson Christensen, Anthony Ignowski, Joseph Daffer
2. Gregg Loucks, Ryan Mulick, Marce Picha, Matthew Salmon, Barb Paris
3. Piper Schroeder, Lydia Theisen
4. Lois Denzler, Lynn Langer, Sharon Miley
5. Ashley Cavalieri, Jerry Fischer, Aiden Myers, Sarah Jewell
6. Bridget Reagan, Joseph Lyons
7. Caleb Theisen, Ryan Severson, Angie Zambuto
8. Joel Fischer, Beverly Johnson, Justus Kucera, Dustin Kunkel, Cecelia Ward
9. Diane Burt, Erika Fili, Morgan Kreiser, Sharon Nelson, David Pfetzer, Drew Rasmussen, Mary Yocom, Samantha Zellmar, Deb Kelly, John Vaughan
10. Terri Gogetap, Linda Higa, Collin Johnston, Sherri Labedz, Jon Natvig, Mark Sullivan, Christian Thom
11. Sharon Arispe, Constance Jacobsen, Joanna Robertson
12. Adam Backora, Anna Kidder
13. Nina Winther, Kelsey Svacina
14. Robert Ellison, Denise Hawkins, Kathy Preininger, Adam Studts
15. Sunshine Hansen, Zachary Hatcher, Randal LeClair, Jim McCarthy, John Sheely, Johanna Vacek
16. Caroline Bressman, George Ernace, Michelle Hatcher, Dan Troxel, Chelsea Chmura
17. Tim Backora, Len Hansen, Ree Reimers
18. Alan Barrett, Audrey Klein, Michael Orris, Lois Sorensen, Kyle Storer
19. Zachary Girthoffer, Tom Jensen, Karen Loucks, Tom Steffen
20. Osborne Eckhorn, Jason Klonglan, Jan Petersen, Sharon Waller
21. Bruce Gerhardt, Marie Kubat, Eric Reinholz, Samantha Furjanic
22. Naomi Kirkvold, Patty Nansel, Laurine Savine, Tamara Sladek, Brandon Sorensen, Laura Ulrich, Joshua Wendle, Amy Wemhoff
23. Carol Jenkins
24. Lawrence Bradley, Kaitlyn Tisthammer, Elizabeth Stieneke
25. John Bodnar, Mike Edris, Alicia Diggins
26. Myrna Carter, Jessica Reed, Roy Segelberg, Carole Woodworth, Mickey Zellmar, Bailey Gittler
27. Katie Larson, Amaya McLaren, Alexis Dragon, Brody Gunia
28. Brian Ervin, Andrew Hinrichs, Terri Morrow, Andrew Reinert
29. Jacob Weiland, Philip Meyer
30. Cadyn Kocourek, James Pestel, Amy Pignatore
31. David Studts, Carl Ekstrom

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Summer Bible Camp at Carol Joy Holling!

Summer camp

If you didn't get a chance to register for camp by the Early Bird pricing deadline (January 31), Kountze Memorial will still cover the cost of the Early Bird pricing, but you will need to pay the additional cost. Kountze Camp Week is June 16-21, but you can attend camp whenever it is convenient for you. Check out the schedule for the

different camp opportunities for grades K-12 as well as day camps and leadership training for high school-age youth and Special Needs camps at <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/register>

- In order for the church to pay the fee, choose
- to mail your payment,
- select "Pay items in Full"
- then "Pay by Check/Money Order"
- Email a copy of the receipt to shari@kmlchurch.org

We will then submit the Early Bird portion of the payment on behalf of your youth. You'll need to mail in your portion. If you have any questions, please reach out to church staff. To register go to

<https://www.caroljoyholling.org/register>

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Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is
televised live on Cox channel 13
and live streamed on our website at
<https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/> (you may watch the live-stream any time)

A bulletin is available on our
website at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/bulletin-announcements/>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



GO AND...BE INTENTIONAL

Jesus is on the road to the cross and is prepared for what is to come. Too often during Lent, we find ourselves busy marching down the road with a long 'to-do' list. The season of Lent calls to be intentional. This means showing up, being present, and diving in deep as disciples.

Questions to Consider:

- What is a Lenten or Easter tradition in your family?
- How can you be intentional in your preparation for Holy Week and Easter?
- How can you get unstuck and GO forward with intention as a follower of Jesus?

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (Use the version of your heart)

Suggested Song: Beautiful Things (ACS 925)

Learn More at nebraskasynod.org/go-and/

Ready, Set, Go! In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to GO. We are taking those words to heart.

In June the Nebraska Synod embarked on a year-long focus to "Go and...". We invite you to be part of this call to GO! and lean in as God's people called, gathered, and sent to "Go and..."

Together, all 90,000 members of the ELCA Nebraska Synod will be focused on responding to Christ's sending in the Great Commission, to Go and..., and to really live out the joy and hope.