

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Our youth and young adults need your support!

As you may already know, this year is the triennial ELCA Youth Gathering – though, thanks to COVID-19, it’s now been 6 years since the last Gathering. The theme of this year’s event is “Created to Be”, based on Psalm 139:14, “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”. It will draw together young people from ELCA congregations throughout the United States, and beyond, in New Orleans in mid-July. Because it’s been 6 years since the last Gathering, a whole generation of high school students missed the chance to participate, so this year will include an event aimed at those young adults as well. Kountze is excited to be sending both high school and post-high school young adults, together with adult mentors. But that means some extra expenses this year. It’s a larger contingent (a great problem to have!), and because it’s such a large event it simply costs more. Our group has worked hard – but they still have a ways to go in their fundraising.



Why should you support our young people in this endeavor? I’ve recently talked to some Kountze parents of school-aged children who themselves went to the Youth Gathering as young adults. And I heard what I hear all the time from Gathering participants – it was life-changing! Particularly it was faith-changing. For Gathering participants, this is a chance to explore and experience first-hand their faith being challenged, affirmed, celebrated and solidified as theirs, not just their parents’ or their church’s faith. I firmly believe **the Gathering is one significant way we can help students stay on a path to life-long, vibrant faith and church involvement!**

How can I support the youth and young adults going to the Gathering? I’m so glad you asked! First you can pray and ask questions – especially as our young people return – to show you’re genuinely interested and excited to hear about their experiences. Second, you can contribute

financially. That is as simple as writing “Youth Gathering” on the memo line of your check & envelope, or clicking the “Youth Mission Trip Sponsorships” Donate button on the “Online Giving” page of the Kountze website. You can also attend one of the upcoming fundraising events our young adults are hosting and offer both your encouragement and financial support! May 5 in the afternoon bring the whole family for a fun **Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar & Cajun Meal** (food for all spice tolerances will be plentiful). There will be bingo and prizes. **On June 9 the youth will host Sunday Breakfast**, offering beignets among other things.

Please mark your calendars – please give generously – please pray for our young adults this summer – and please ask them how their faith is growing these days. I trust your own faith will be expanded and affirmed, and I know our congregation will be strengthened.

Blessings,

Pastor Lucy

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Lenten Meal Volunteers: Thank you to all the volunteers that helped prepare, serve, and clean up during our Lenten journey. The organizing efforts by Marlys Duin and Jim Smejkal were superb!

Usher/Lectors/Communion Assistants/Altar Guild: Thank you to all of our Ushers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, and Altar Guild for all of your dedication and hard work throughout the year, but especially during Holy Week and Easter.

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.



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.

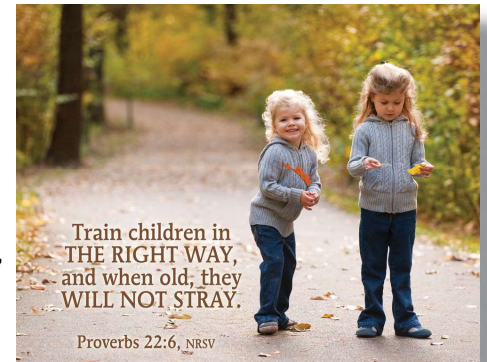
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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.

- May 5: Reception of New Members and The Creed "He Ascended"
May 12: No Forum (Fellowship)
May 19: Intergenerational Faith Formation
May 26: TBD
June 2: No Forum (Fellowship) (at Synod Assembly)

Ascension Day Liturgy

Thursday, May 9

6:30 PM

Held at Kountze Memorial



Kountze Memorial will continue its tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. This year, we will be hosting the liturgy. Please mark your calendars for this festive Eucharist and invite a friend! Everyone is welcome.

If you would be willing to be an Usher for the evening, please contact Jim Smejkal (jim@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office.

Welcome New Members

We will receive New Members on Sunday, May 5. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to them and welcome them into our church family. New Members are:

Noah & Kristin Bieber, Sam, and Emily
Rachel Landsness



If you would like to explore the potential of joining Kountze Memorial, please consider attending our next New Member Classes which will take place on September 15 and 22. Please plan to attend both sessions. We will welcome new members on Sunday, September 29.

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



June 14 - 16, 2024

Carol Joy Holling Camp



During this spiritual weekend, you can expect to have scheduled times for silence, worship, walking a labyrinth, prayer, and self-reflection.

For more information or to register, go to

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

Questions? If you have questions about the Silent Retreat, please contact Jessica Weltz, at

JWeltz@NL0M.org or 402-944-2544

OMAHA LUTHERAN
YOUNG ADULTS

Table Theology

SUNDAY, MAY 19

6:30PM AT LOCAL PATIO AND GRILL

OmahaLutheranYoungAdults
[@nelcm.com](https://www.facebook.com/nelcm.com)



Interested in Spiritual Direction?



Are you interested in the art of spiritual direction and guidance? On May 21 at 7 PM (CT), Seeking the Spirit Within warmly invites you to an online dialogue exploring the formational path towards becoming a soul caregiver.

For more information or to register, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr4mbyzh>

come grow with us!

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



Thank-you to everyone who donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss for our guests at the Kountze Food Pantry. Our goal is to always have these items available along with soap and razors. We are still collecting disposable razors and shaving cream or foam.

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 -3/31/2024)

Income:

Grants	\$	-
Donations:	\$	8,499.79
Memorials	\$	395
	\$	8,894.79

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	-
Regular Expenses		
Aldi	\$	-
Costco	\$	701.45
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	3,469.57
Hy-Vee	\$	-
Dollar Tree	\$	205.44
Family Fare	\$	5,299.43
Food Bank	\$	-
Walmart	\$	1,045.84
Sam's Club	\$	-
Other	\$	176.22
	\$	10,897.95

Balance \$ (2,003.16)



Get Ready for Camp!
Carol Joy Holling Camp
Saturday, May 18, 2024
8:00 AM - Lunch

Carol Joy Holling Camp is in need of help to ready the camp for the more than 1,300 campers that will arrive in just a few weeks. We have been invited to help!

Individuals and groups are welcome and all skill levels are needed. They will provide breakfast starting at 8 AM and work will continue until lunch around 12:30 PM. For food planning purposes, they ask that you RSVP before May 3. For questions, contact Lisa Stirtz at LStirtz@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544.

A schedule of the day and registration may be found at:
<https://www.caroljoyholling.org/work-day>

Blindness Prevention Month

May is Blindness Prevention Month. During May we will be again be collecting used eyeglasses for a community project. Thank you in advance for your participation in this outreach event. Please place the glasses in the drop box by the back office door in May. Thank you in advance for your support.



Carol Joy Holling Camp is Hiring for Their Summer Ministry Team

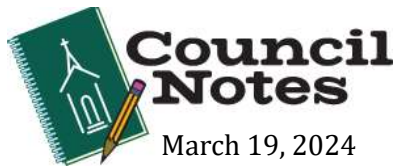
If you are 18 years or older, or have completed Leadership Camp and are interested in a full-time, paid summer job with all meals and on-site housing included, this might be the summer job for you.

The Summer Ministry Team is a powerful group of young leaders who are changing the world by working hard, talking faith, and caring for others. This super team provides leadership and care for campers at Sullivan Hills Camp and Carol Joy Holling Camp. For more information or an application, go to:

<https://www.nlom.org/smt>



NEWS & Notes...



March 19, 2024

Kate Jones opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Wynard at 6:02 PM.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Council meeting and the March 12, 2024 meeting were presented and approved.

Pastor Wynard introduced Pastor Greg Berger, Assistant to the Bishop of the Lutheran Synod. Pastor Berger reviewed the process of obtaining an Associate Pastor or a Deacon. Two documents developed by the Synod (Discover and Invite, Roster Transition Call Manual) will be electronically available to the Council members.

Jill Conway, Executive Director of Kountze Commons, was introduced by Pastor Wynard. Jill provided an update on the community connections she is forging.

The KCCOC Board addressed the smoke-free campus issue and the decision was made that the campus will remain smoke-free.

The two March forums delineating the seven areas of ministry were well received by congregational members who attended. The Ministry Areas email protocol draft was reviewed, discussed, and accepted.

The new website for Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is very close to being released. A photographer is being sought to assist with updating the website photos.

The undesignated memorial funds were again discussed.

A question was raised regarding whether the income collected by KETV for rent covers the expenses of Kountze Commons. While this will be clarified further.

There was further discussion regarding the property committee's report outlining needed capital improvements/long-term maintenance needs. Steve Hinrichs moved that up to \$60,000 be made available to support three of the projects (penthouse roof replacement, removing the caulking and re-caulking the main church capstone, and obtaining a mechanical systems assessment and analysis) that need immediate attention. The motion was seconded and carried.

A discussion was held regarding what the Endowment would be able to pay for as it relates to the list of capital improvements/long-term maintenance.

The Personnel Committee's recommendations

regarding the temporary choir director positions and financial requirements were presented. Tim Backora moved that the Council accept the Personnel Committee's recommendations for the temporary choir director. The motion was seconded and carried.

Tim Backora presented February's financial report. Kate Jones moved that the financial report as presented be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Pastor Duminy reported that the Christian Education Fund for summer camp at Carol Joy Holling will most likely need additional funding due to the tremendous response to the Kountze program. The exact amount will be determined at a later date.

Pastor Duminy will put together a list of the responsibilities of the breakfast director. With her pending departure, the need for a replacement director is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Lord's Prayer.



Thank you so much for the surprise Saturday night potluck supper and the many cards I received in honor of my birthday in March. It brought me much joy. Thank you All!

Laurine Savine

I don't have enough words to express my thanks and appreciation for the many, many cards, flowers, prayers, visits and phone calls received during and after the numerous broken bones, surgeries, and rehab from February, 2023 to the present. I often re-read the cards and feel the prayers and love received from each one.

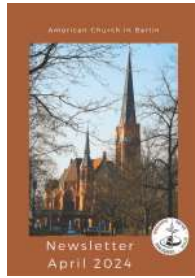
Thank you again and God's blessings.

Ellie Carlson

American Church in Berlin (ABC) Newsletter

Rev. Dr. Laura Krauss and Rev. Dr. Reinhard Kraus, ABC Interim Pastors of the American Church in Berlin have sent us a copy of their April Newsletter. You may read the newsletter by going to:

<https://tinyurl.com/4rdefzsp>



Summer Youth Trip Special Event

June 9, 10:10 AM (Fellowship Hour)

Be sure to mark your calendars for this NOLA awareness event to support our youth and young adults attending the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans this July. Everyone is welcome!



Join us for homemade Beignets. Free-will donation.

Homelessness in Omaha

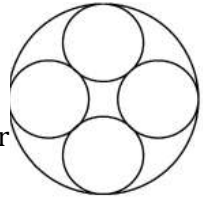
Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center's partners serve our neighbors, including our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Tamara Dwyer, Homeless Services Coordinator for the City of Omaha Mayor's Office, presented at KCCOC for its partners and volunteers on April 12, 2024. Her presentation "Homelessness in Omaha" focused on terminology, statistics, resources, services, and best practices.

The Mayor's Task Force on homelessness was created to prevent and end homelessness in Omaha. Strategies include active location conferencing (i.e. encampment response and clean up), emergency rehousing, veteran homelessness targeting, and homelessness prevention led by the Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless ("MACCH") and the Institute for Community Alliances ("ICA").

Dwyer's presentation recommended treating people experiencing homelessness like any other neighbor with respect and safety in mind. When encountering neighbors experiencing homelessness, the following Best Practices were recommended:

- Make eye contact and talk kindly to people who are without homes—they are your neighbors too.
- Encourage/help people to call or visit service providers like those through MACCH. The message line for MACCH Street Outreach is 402- 957-1747 or call 2-1-1. There is also the Siena Francis House, Open Door Mission, Stephen Center, or other day drop in centers.
- If someone is being disruptive, homeless or not, try to de-escalate the situation if you are comfortable doing so.
- In non-emergency situations, call the Mayor's Office at (402) 444-5555 or Omaha police at the non-emergency line at (402) 444-4877.
- If someone is threatening harm to self or others, acting recklessly or violently, or having delusions, call 9-1-1 and ask for a mental health-trained officer or co responder.
- If you want to help someone experiencing homelessness, do not offer food or money, unless you are equipped and willing to continue that generosity.

- As a property owner,
 - Ensure there is good lighting in your area.
 - Keep the area in front of your home or property clean and well maintained. Keeping your area clean encourages others to respect the area.
 - Provide places for people to put their trash.
 - Let businesses and residents know to inform people of their boundaries on their property. If people are doing something illegal and will not leave, call the police.
- If someone is sleeping/loitering on your property:
 - Establish a friendly relationship. Introduce yourself. Ask for the person's name. Contact the City of Omaha Homeless Services Coordinator.
 - Politely ask them to leave using sincere empathetic language that deflects the request from yourself to a third party (e.g. "the property owner is asking you to leave" even if that person is you).
 - Let people know where they can go for services, as opposed to only where they cannot be.
 - If they are not cooperative, let them know if they do not leave you are going to call the police, but would rather not do so. Avoid confrontation and keep a safe distance. If you or others feel threatened in any way, if they become disruptive or dangerous, call 9-1-1.



Dwyer emphasized that many organizations directly help people experiencing homelessness and work to increase affordable housing. She suggested finding an organization that you want to support, and asking them what they need. Omaha's Homeless Service Coordinator and service providers know how to help our homeless neighbors. The more you support them, the more they can help people get off the streets and into stable housing. Dwyer also recommended advocating within your circle of influence to help make things better for our neighbors who are homeless. This will help our entire community.

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

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.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, May 16

11:30 AM

Fellowship Lounge

Cost: \$10.00



There isn't a program or menu planned at this time, but Jim never let's us down! Plan to join the guys for lunch and RSVP by Tuesday, May 14.

Cards with Friends

Thursday, May 2

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, June 9

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

There will be no meeting in May to allow the members to celebrate Mother's Day. The book group selected books in April for 2024-2025 (listed below) to include eclectic topics to stimulate discussion. Any one is welcome to join the Book Group and participate in meaningful discussions and fellowship. The next meeting will be June 9 at 12:15 PM.

- June 9 *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls
- July 14 *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
- Aug. 11 *Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd
- Sept. 8 *World of Wonders* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil
- Oct. 13 *Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Steverson
- Nov. 10 *The Fifteenth Commandment* by Steve Sieberson
- Dec. 8 No Meeting

2025

- Jan. 12 *Remarkable Creatures* by Shelly Van Pelt
- Feb. 9 *Sacred Nature* by Karen Armstrong
- March 9 *The Wager* by David Grann
- April 13 *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- May 11 No Meeting



Our Breakfast might look a little lighter during the summer months from May 26 through September 1.

We are so grateful for the Breakfast Crews

and their good work since September of 2022.

An encouragement for more people to offer a helping hand is needed. If you could help out once, twice, or three times during the year that would greatly aid in this ministry, especially on the 2nd Sunday for clean up or some of the crews that are often short handed.

Pastoral Acts

(March 16 - April 15, 2024)

Baptisms:

Prim KhunDumWeigel

Funerals:

Darlene White, March 1, 2024

Gloria Houston, March 22, 2024

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



Sunday School

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

We continue with rotation lessons through May 12, which is the last day of Sunday School until September. Watch for registration information in August.

Children's Choir

Sundays, 9:10 AM

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

The last day of Children's Choir until September will be May 12.



Camp Firelight VBS

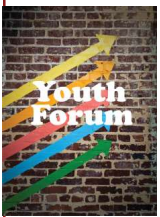
St. Timothy's Church (510 N 93rd St)
July 8-11

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 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!



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:

May 5 Current Events
May 12 Spiritual Practices

Upcoming Youth Activity

Grades 7-12 and College Youth
Friday, May 10
6 PM

You are invited to an end of the year celebration in the Link Courtyard. Hotdogs and S'mores will be provided. Games will be played. Join us! RSVP by Tuesday, May 7.



Baptismal Reunion

Sunday, May 19
12:15 PM

For all who have been baptized from January 2023 to May of 2024, we invite you and your families to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch. Following the meal there will be some introductions and then a time for children to gather in spaces for care while the parents come together to explore ideas of how to bless your child within your home.

We plan to send you on your way within the hour. Please RSVP with the number attending by Thursday, May 16



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>

Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar with a Cajun Flair* & Bingo Night

Sunday, May 5
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Cost: Free-will Donation

*Please Note: We will be serving "normal" tacos and have Cajun toppings you can add if you wish.

Support our youth and young adults attending the ELCA Youth



Gathering in New Orleans this July. We'll play different forms of BINGO with prizes beginning at 5:15 PM. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend or two! Reservations are not necessary but will help with planning the meal. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to let us know you'll be attending. You won't want to miss this one!

Special Request: if you have gift cards you don't plan to use and would like to share, please give them to Pr. Shari to use as BINGO prizes. Thanks.



High School Graduates

Our High School graduates received quilts and there was a reception of congratulations and celebration in their honor on Sunday, April 28.

High School Seniors are: Neely Edwards, Jane Kidder, Lawton Rees, Mia Valquier, Travis Wynard

A special thank you goes out to the Kountze Memorial Sewing Group for making the quilts for the graduates.



Top Photo: Easter Egg Hunt
A good time was had by all!

Right Photo: Easter Sunday
Children's Message

Affirmation of Faith – April 7, 2024
These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and made public affirmation of their baptism.

Bentley Micah Baker
Parent: Ashley Baker
Grandmother: Nakoma Baker
Baptism on Nov. 21, 2015 at
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Confirmation Verse: II Corinthians 12:10
Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Faith Statement:

I believe God to be a caring Father in heaven who daily forgives me no matter how bad I am.

In my faith journey I feel like I am just getting started. I still have my whole life ahead of me, so I can go to church my whole life and serve God.

I hope God will help me stay in the faith and that I don't shy away from church and anything to do with being faithful to God.

Jennifer Leigh Hellwig
Parents: Jane Lynam and Bruce Hellwig
Grandmother: LeClare Steffen
Baptism on May 7, 1988 at
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Confirmation Verse: Ephesians 4:1-3
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



CALENDAR



May 1 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

May 2 Thursday

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

May 3 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

May 4 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship
Homebound Communion

May 5 Sunday

Easter 6
Homebound Communion
Receive New Members
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
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
4:30 PM Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar & Music Bingo

May 6 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

May 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:45 AM Staff Lunch

May 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
4:00 PM Executive Committee

May 9 Thursday

Ascension of Our Lord
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Ascension Day Liturgy @ Kountze Memorial

May 10 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry
6:00 PM Fire, Hotdogs & S'mores (gr. 6-12 + College)

May 11 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

May 12 Sunday

Easter 7
Mother's Day
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
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

May 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
5:00 PM KCCOC Board

May 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

May 15 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
Good News Deadline

May 16 Thursday

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

May 17 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

May 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

May 19 Sunday

Day of Pentecost



8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Intergenerational Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Baptismal Reunion

May 20 Monday

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



May 21 Tuesday

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

May 22 Wednesday

Earth Day
12:15 PM Worship

May 23 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

May 24 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

May 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

May 26 Sunday

Holy Trinity
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Adult Forum

May 27 Monday

Memorial Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED/No Pantry

May 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3
7:30 PM Youth Committee

May 29 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

May 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
May 31 Friday
5:00 PM Pantry

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1. Edward Bass, Harold Gilliam, Carole Meilahn, Susan Peterson, Mark Phillips
2. Anita Morse, Shannon Picha, Jeffery Senn, David Tollefson
3. Ethan Eggen, Linda Johnson, Karrie Lyles, Beth Naylor, Allyson White
4. Linda Knutson, Lacey Bodnar, Lindsey Bodnar
5. Mark Jones, Elizabeth Busted
6. Aubri Meldrum, Caden Vermule, Maxwell Szymczak, Carol Carlson
7. Diane Davis, Schyler Hopkins, Heidi LeClair, Helen Lowderman, Debra Putnam, Lynn Sherlund, Bette McCoy
8. Shirley Bonneau, Jennifer Kropp, Dick Sieling, Chris Miley, Giselle Loucks, Autumn Loucks
9. Charles Bressman, Richard Portrey, Julie Classen, Trever Osborne
10. Rahn Johnson, Lucas Pestel
11. Natalie Backora, Sandra Kucera, Jennifer McCarthy
12. Dane Kucera, Nathan McFarland, Jane Setterburg, Carol Storer
13. Elaine Adams, Hal Gillaspie, Allie Hiatt, Pam Johnson, Elizabeth Luczynski, Fred Wachal
14. Noah Curtis, Sierra Vermule
15. Don Berney, Shannon Fonda, Scott Fonda, Kay Jones, Isabella Kuehn, Lisa Montag
16. Jean Bowman, Jane Lynam, Brooke Reinert, Spencer Link
17. Tracy Fletcher, Nicholas Kanning, Dirk Petersen
18. Linda Ackerson, Frank Ferguson, Kate Jones, Elizabeth Larkowski, Courtney Senn, Soren Hepburn
19. Georgia LeClair, Melissa Titus, Steve O'Connor
20. Krista Edwards
21. Liz Moldenhauer, Peter Smock, Lyn Ziegenbein
22. Susan Clark, Melody Diggins
23. Nicholas Barrett, Samuel Comfort, Lorna Swingen, Karen Wolf, Judy McIntire
24. Jackson Barrett, Steven Thomas, Pat Ranney, Brittany Edwards, Justin Edwards
25. David Swift, Susie Henry
26. Denise Lewis
27. H. Michael Hyland, Ashley Ingram, Emma Mirch, Jeremy Sarich
28. Laura Hansen, Stephanie Martens, Tracey Sweet, Owen Thornton, Dean Vancaster
29. Joy Borchman, Brandt John, Jackson Martis, Jeffrey Martis
30. Lawrence Battaglia, Missy Hardersen, Greta Rohrberg, Michaela Ruma, Amanda Sneckenberg, Noah Storer, Brooks Hinrichs
31. Ellie Carlson, Marie Dixon, Kelly Rudie, Dan Shelby, Morgan Stouffer

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 3/1/2024.....	\$908,611.76
Principal Payment, 3/29/2024.....	\$3,191.69
Interest Payment, 3/1/2024.....	\$2,513.31
Balance, 4/1/2024	\$905,420.07

Finances: March, 2024

	<i>March</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 73,727.61	\$ 269,879.97
Expenses:		
Mission Support:	\$ 13,333.34	\$ 26,666.68
Christian Education:	\$ 978.48	\$ 1,439.16
Facility Costs:	\$ 14,087.28	\$ 55,306.28
Staff Compensation:	\$ 60,216.79	\$ 183,503.91
Worship & Music:	\$ 4,073.89	\$ 10,929.98
Parish Life:	\$ 3,153.58	\$ 6,270.44
Youth:	\$ 46.19	\$ 196.19
Office & Administration:	<u>\$ 3,999.32</u>	<u>\$ 16,074.33</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 99,888.87	\$ 300,386.97

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Rev. H. Ashley Hall, Ph.D., Associate Pastor

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 CHURCH

What does it mean to be church? The Holy Spirit is moving and blowing through, with, and for God's people. To Go and... means we pray, listen, share our story, serve with neighbors, ask, be honest, be present, rest, have the conversation, be intentional, tell the story, and be the church. Everybody has something to offer – Let's Go!

Questions to Consider:

- If you overheard someone talking in the grocery store about your congregation/ministry site, what do you hope people are saying?
- Use your imagination! What is your big dream for your congregation? (No limits!)
- What gifts, talents, and expertise do you hold and how can you share?
- I am going to Go and be church by _____.

Prayer: Holy God who gathers and sends us, we give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Equip us, give us language to proclaim the Good News, and empower us to GO forth into the world. Amen

Suggested Song: Go to the World (ACS 991)

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 really live out the joy and hope of Christ in the World.