

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE
PASTOR

10 Simple Ideas for a Spiritually Rich Summer*

1. Relax and enjoy the sunshine! The beauty & warmth this time of year are gifts from God.
2. Look & think back to your New Year's resolutions or Lenten disciplines. Now *realistically* rewrite those goals & rededicate yourself to them.
3. Dust off the bible on your night stand. Read a psalm everyday for the next month. You will find plenty of encouragement there. And since this is the lectionary year for Mark (the shortest gospel), read through that book – it's a great, quick beach read!
4. Every new season is a new beginning – in a broken relationship choose to forgive and start anew. (Perhaps the person you most need to forgive is yourself?)
5. Ask your kids, grandkids, or neighbor kids how they've seen or experienced God lately. All too often we only tell kids what to believe rather than listening to them about their faith firsthand. But kids have such wonderful faith of their own to share with us!
6. Take your best friend, significant other or a church friend out for a meal. Be intentional about discussing where you are at spiritually and how you want to grow.
7. Give journaling a try – or try a new way. I recommend "Journaling in the Round" or "Praying in Color", especially for those who find the idea of journaling overwhelming. (Google those phrases or ask me for more info.)
8. Volunteer somewhere new – just once, to check it

out. Perhaps it's the Kountze Food Pantry or at our Neighborhood Gathering, or perhaps at the Humane Society, a local senior center, or with refugees new to our city. ShareOmaha.org is a great resource to find a good fit for you.

9. It's tempting when the weather gets nice to skip church. I get it! But keep in mind how vital it is to keep plugged in with God through your connection to God's people. There's lots of exciting mission & ministry that happens in the summer months – make plans to be part of it! (And also... it's okay to skip church once in a while – see #10...)

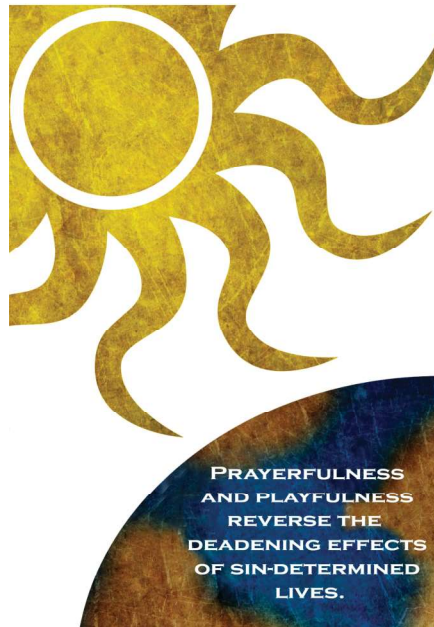
10. Did I mention relax and enjoy the sunshine? Eugene Peterson, the theologian and pastor who translated The Message version of the Bible, writes about keeping Sabbath by both praying AND playing. He says, "Praying and playing share this quality: they develop and mature with age, they don't go into decline. Prayerfulness and playfulness reverse the deadening effects of sin-determined lives. They... counter boredom, reduce anxieties, push, pull, direct, prod us into the fullness of our humanity..."

(Working the Angles, pg. 78) Where can you make room in your life for a little more of both?

Happy Summer everyone!

Pastor Lucy

* Please note - you don't have to do them all. This is a choose-your-own-adventure invitation.



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.

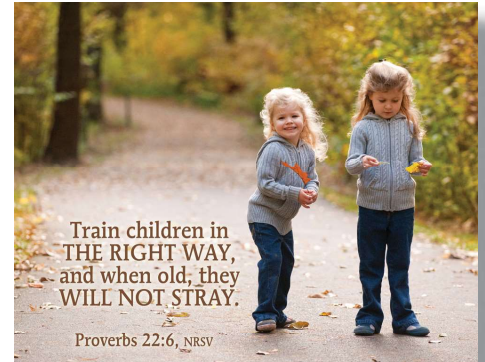
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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.

- June 2: (Fellowship) (at Synod Assembly)
- June 9: No Forum
- June 16: Early Christian Baptism
- June 23: No Forum (Neighborhood Gathering preparations)
- June 30: Early Christian Eucharist

Table Grace The Musical is based on a combination of real life stories molded into fictional characters and story-lines. It's a celebration of grace, love, second chances, and acceptance. Don't miss it!

The Table Grace newsletter can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4eebubc9>



JUNE
21-22

SCOTTISH
RITE CENTER
7PM *June 22nd ASL interpreting

BENSON
THEATRE
*Catering \$16 7PM

JUNE
27-29



AUG
8-9

LOFTE THEATRE
MANLEY
7 PM *Food Truck

Donate to
Table
Grace
nhbs.cc/donate

Tickets and
info
visit
tablegracethemusical.com



Silent Retreat

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

Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson in Tanzania

Steve & Jodi Swanson and family are missionaries that we help to support both monetarily and in prayer.

Dr. Steve & Jodi attended a medical conference in Greece for healthcare missionaries serving in Africa and across the globe. You can read the newsletter they wrote after returning home about the gifted Tanzanian doctors at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4bwah5k9>



Introducing our Transition Team

This group is tasked with putting together our Ministry Site Profile, the "job description" laying out who we are as a congregation and what we are looking for in a rostered leader (pastor or deacon) to fill the role Pastor Shari will be vacating. They will lead us all in the work of discernment.

Transition Team Members:

Dulcinea Boesenberg
Ron Brown
Anne Dey (Council Representative)
Scott Henneman
Tarna Kidder
Lara McCormick
Jeff Perkins
Pastor Lucy Wynard.



Please keep the Transition Team in your prayers and do seek them out to talk!

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



Do you or anyone you know need service hours? Volunteering at the Kountze Food Pantry is a perfect opportunity to boost your resume and have some fun at the same time! We are in need of strong, young people to help us unload deliveries at 8

AM Monday morning, and to carry out groceries for our guests from 10 AM-12:45 PM. You can work all or part of that time. We also need people on Friday evenings from 5 PM-6:45 PM. There are other positions for people of all ages and abilities. Please consider joining us by signing up at the following link:

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

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2023 - 4/30/2024)

Income:

Grants	\$	-
Donations:	\$	18,434.79
Memorials	\$	1,320
	\$	19,754.79

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	-
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Regular Expenses

Aldi	\$	-
Costco	\$	830.39
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	3,469.57
Hy-Vee	\$	-
Dollar Tree	\$	205.44
Family Fare	\$	5,324.88
Food Bank	\$	-
Walmart	\$	1,699.58
Sam's Club	\$	-
Other	\$	176.22
	\$	11,706.08

Balance \$ **8,048.71**



Get Involved with Nebraska Synod Justice Ministries!

Our Synod has a new Director for Youth & Justice Ministries, Gretchen Ahrens. She recently shared with Omaha ELCA pastors some of the teams and committees she's working to build up or get going. Are you passionate about issues where justice and faith intersect? Would you be willing to join others in our Synod in leading us as church together to learn, advocate and act? Some of the teams the Synod is looking to build up include: Advocacy Team, LGBTQIA+ Affirming Team, Creation Care Team, and Mental Health Team. Please let us know if you're interested and we will connect you!



Connect With Pastor Lucy...

Schedule Time to Meet One-on-One with Pastor Lucy!



I want to make time to get to know you better. What's your story, your hopes and dreams - even your frustrations? How can I pray for you? What do you want me to know about Kountze, about Omaha, about you? Schedule time by yourself, or with your spouse/family or a friend. Follow the link below to find a 45-minute time slot that works for you. (Want to meet - but none of these times work? Send me a message and we will find another time.) My favorite way to meet is over coffee or food of some sort! So, if you have a favorite spot in the area, let me know and we'll meet there.

Schedule time with Pastor Lucy at:

<https://calendly.com/pastor-lucy/45min>

Pastor Lucy is on Facebook and Instagram

(simply as herself, not just as a pastor)

Pr. Lucy will not friend you because she never wants to put someone in the awkward position of having to accept or reject a friend request from their pastor. Maybe you don't want your pastor

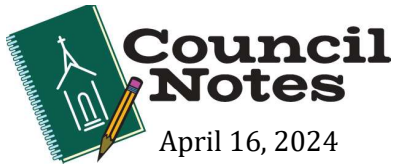
following you on social media! However, she will absolutely welcome and accept friend requests from parishioners. If you would like to keep up with her on social media, she welcomes "friend" or "follow" requests - and luckily her name is unusual enough, she's pretty easy to find.

Please also note, none of our staff or pastors will ever send you a request for gift cards, money, or other financial support out of the blue via email or text. Always assume such requests are a scam, even if they have our names on them! Use the phone numbers or email addresses you've successfully used in the past to contact us directly if you're unsure. We'll ask for your money again in the fall with our Stewardship Pledge Campaign - but not via those strange texts or emails!



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NEWS & Notes...



April 16, 2024

Pastor Wynard called the meeting to order and the agenda was adopted.

Previous minutes approved as amended

Old Business. Discussion was had regarding Council Report form and Ministry area missions statements. Council Report form does not replace committee minutes. Council Report form is used to highlight matters for Council's consideration. Property Ministry and Leadership Ministry mission statements are still needed. Council discussed and distinguished between being a council representative vs. a council liaison, and agreed to use council liaison when appropriate. Council considered how best to access an archive or database of meeting minutes. Unspent funds proposal team is set to meet on May 1st.

New Business. Council accepted the resignation of Madeline O'Kane as council secretary. Council expressed their appreciation of her services as secretary and is grateful that she will remain on Council. Mike Jensen was appointed as council secretary. A general update was given by Pastor Wynard regarding the Farnam streetcar project, which will also include temporary street closures, overhead power lines, bridge work, utility work, and bike lane installation.

Financial Report given by Tim Backora and approved by Council. March monthly expenses were \$99,000 and income was \$73,000.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. A question was raised regarding KMLC participation in events such

as parades or other gatherings. After much discussion, Social Ministry agreed to follow up and report back to the council. Pastor Hall noted that there are available forum times should any of the ministry clusters wish to hold a presentation. Pastor Duminy reported that the youth trip to New Orleans is July 14-21. The youth are continuing to fundraise to offset the costs associated with traveling, lodging, meals, and attending the youth gathering in New Orleans. They are still \$10,000 short of their fundraising goal.

Committee and Board reports given and approved by Council.

Faith Formation Ministry: Youth fundraising for Youth Gathering.

Membership Ministry: Upcoming new member class. Archives working on the 165th year project.

Community Engagement Ministry: Global Mission reported Jonna Hollard led alternative gifts for the past 20 years and is looking to pass-the-torch. KCCOC presented an 11th member of the Board, motion and unanimous approval of the addition of Christy Ross as the 11th member.

Worship and Music Ministry: Worship and Music presented the possibility for dedicated giving.

Finance Ministry: Scholarship committee submitted scholarship recommendations, motion and unanimous approval of the scholarships as recommended. The Endowment Board meets on April 29.

Property Ministry: Property reported A/C unit for church office needs to be replaced and cost is estimated at \$23,874. Motion and unanimous approval to proceed with the A/C unit replacement and submission of a grant request to the Endowment Board.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55 PM.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, June 20 & July 18

11:30 AM

Fellowship Lounge

Cost: \$10.00

In June, Tim Holland will share with us highlights from his trip to Egypt and Jordan. We will discuss the beginning of architecture, the 5,000-year-old pyramids, and the evolution as seen by temple architecture along the Nile. He will also share with us the path of the Holy Family in Egypt and Moses at Mt. Nebo in Jordan.

Please let Jim know if you'll be attending by June 18 so he knows how many to plan on for lunch (jim@kmlchurch.org or 402-341-7761).

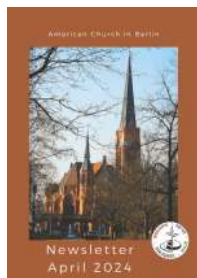
Watch for details in the bulletin and e-news for our July lunch.



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>



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for surrounding me in prayer during my recent surgery and recovery. I am ever so grateful for your support in cards and conversations.

~Donna Moessner

A Summer of Service

Love Thy Neighbor and consider volunteering this summer. Volunteering is more than just giving back – it is about creating positive change, building stronger communities, and enhancing your own life.

You or your family may have more free time with school out and longer days of sunlight. Individuals of all ages and backgrounds can find a cause they are passionate about and make a real difference. You can volunteer as an individual or in a group with family, friends, or coworkers, making it a fun and social experience.

The Kountze Food Pantry would love to see volunteers give back to those in our community with food insecurity. Volunteers are needed to assist guests, hand out food, clean, organize, unload/stock food, and pick up supplies from our partners and distributors.

Are you a medical professional? The Healing Gift Free Clinic could benefit from your talents and skills to help heal the sick.

If you have a friendly smile, Sunday services could always use ushers and greeters to welcome members and guests to worship.

Know your way around the kitchen? Sunday breakfasts are always in need of an additional hand, particularly over the summer when regular volunteers may be enjoying a vacation.

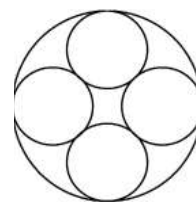
Do you have a green thumb? Consider volunteering to maintain/weed or harvest our community garden.

Our Neighborhood Gathering is June 23 and is a wonderful opportunity to show our neighbors the love and hospitality Kountze has to offer.

The Church office can use additional hands to assist

with day-to-day operations as well.

The benefits of volunteering extend far beyond directly benefiting our community and Church.



- Volunteerism fosters a sense of connection and belonging. When people come together to work towards a common goal, it creates a more vibrant and supportive community for everyone.
- Volunteering allows one to develop new skills, gain valuable experience, and boost confidence. It is a fantastic way to explore career paths and discover hidden talents.
- Studies show that volunteering reduces stress, combats depression, and increases feelings of happiness and purpose. Giving back is good for the soul!

Even a small amount of time can make a big difference. Whether you can donate an hour a week or a few days a year, your contribution is valued. Remember, volunteering creates a ripple effect – your actions inspire others and contribute to a better world for all.

Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 or email info@kmlchurch.org to learn more or sign up for volunteering at the Church. You may also email me at jill@kmlchurch.org or jill@kountzecommons.org to learn about volunteering at KCCOC.

Let us work together to build a stronger, more compassionate community this summer, one volunteer at a time!

With gratitude,
Jill Conway



Running from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we will be serving a lighter fare for the summer months for breakfast. All will be provided for a free-will offering. The following options were decided upon by the breakfast teams.

1st Week: Bagel Bar

2nd Week: Pastries, Yogurt

3rd Week: Biscuits & Gravy, Hashbrown Patties, Fruit

4th Week: Donuts, Yogurt

5th Week: Cookies

We are grateful that Sherri Labedz will be taking over the Breakfast Coordinator position in June. Please consider how you might be able to help sustain this ministry with helping to clean up after the 2nd Sunday Breakfast or joining one of the other teams to give needed support. Please contact Sherri or the church office if you would like to help.

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

(April 16 - May 15, 2024)

Baptisms

Prin KhunDum Weigel, April 14

Marriages

Danielle Barrett & Ryan Fleming,
May 20

Funerals

William Christensen, May 1

Cards With Friends

Thursday, June 6 and July ??? (Watch the bulletin for more info.)

2:00 PM

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



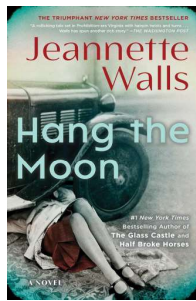
KMLC Book Group

Sunday, June 9

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

Hang the Moon by Jeanette Walls



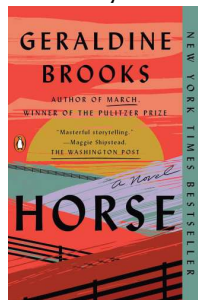
Jeanette Walls is the author of her memoir, *The Glass Castle*, and story of her grandmother, *Half Broke Horses*. *Hang the Moon* is a historical fiction set in Virginia during the Prohibition of the 1920's.

Sallie Kincaid is the main character who is the daughter of Duke Kincaid, the most important man in Caywood, Virginia, and controls the business of Claiborne County. Sallie's mother died when she was 3 years old and Duke remarried, Jane, and a son, Eddie, was born to this union. Sallie was a strong person and tried to make Eddie stronger. Following an accident that injured 3-year-old Eddie when Sallie was 8, she was banished to live with her aunt Faye, her mother's sister in Hatfield. Nine years later, Sallie returns home following the death of her stepmother. She tries to regain her position in the family. Sallie is a fiesty, sharp witted protagonist and eventually inherits everything after overcoming many heartaches. She single handedly meets the challenges and responsibilities to carry on the family business and navigates the bootlegging business to help the county survive the times.

The novel contains descriptions of physical assault, domestic abuse, suicide, murder, and racism. Themes of story are memory of the past, dysfunctional family and secrets, fear of commitment, loss, loneliness, and guilt.

Sunday, July 14

Horse by Geraldine Brooks



Horse is based on a true story of Lexington, America's most famous race horse. Geraldine Brooks is a Pulitzer Prize winning author who skillfully brings the past to life and writes a compelling story of American history.

The novel begins in Washington D.C. in 2019 where characters, Theo and Jess are introduced. Theo is a Nigerian American art historian who discovers an old painting of a horse in a box of belongings discarded by his neighbor. Jess is a native Australian scientist at the Smithsonian who is studying the skeleton of a horse that has been found in an attic. These two characters are brought together in their interest in finding the history of this horse. The story then goes to 1850 Lexington, Kentucky, where Jarret, a slave boy, serves as a horse groomer and bonds with a bay foal. During this period, Thomas J. Scott, an artist, paints paintings of horses, and discovers Lexington and Jarret.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Congratulations Graduates!



High School Graduates

Neely Caitlin Edwards

Parents: Pat and Cindy Edwards

Schools Attended: Millard South High School and Metropolitan Community College
(Associate's Degree)

Activities: Varsity HS and Club Swim Team, Varsity Choir and Varsity Jazz Choir, Orchestra - Violin

Future Plans: Teaching swim lessons in the summer. Studying Bio-Mechanics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the fall

Jane Margaret Kidder

Parents: Mark and Tarna Kidder

School Attended: Marian HS

Activities: Soccer, Piano, Art, French Club

Future Plans: Pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Graphic Design at Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota where she will also be a member of the Women's Soccer Team.

Lawton Rees

Parents: Eric and Toby Rees

School Attended: Papillion LaVista High School

Activities: Swimming

Future Plans: Trade school

Mia Valquier

Parents: Terri Valquier, Leon & Sheila Valquier

School Attended: Glenwood Senior High School

Activities: Softball, Member of Kountze youth committee, serve in the Order of Saint John

Future Plans: Attend Iowa Western community College and major in Nursing

Travis Wynard

Parents: Dan & Lucy Wynard

School Attended: Papillion-LaVista South

Activities: Skills USA

Future Plans: To be discovered...

College Graduate

Anna Linnea Kidder

Parents: Mark and Tarna Kidder

School Attended: Eastern University, Saint Davids, PA

Activities: Templeton Honors College, Women's Soccer Team, Pi Sigma Alpha and Delta Mu Delta Honor Societies, Political Activism Club

Future Plans: Pursue a Master's Degree in Business Administration and Data Analytics at Eastern while interning in Philadelphia.

Seminarian Graduate

Giselle Loucks

Seminary Attended: Wartburg Seminary for Master's of Divinity

Future Plans: Giselle was recently married to another seminarian who will graduate next spring. She will spend the upcoming year doing more CPW. Their plan is to seek first calls in North Dakota next spring. If you would like to send notes of congratulations to Giselle, you may contact the church office for her address.

Beignet Breakfast
Sunday, June 9



Join us for our final NOLA Awareness Event supporting the youth as they prepare for their trip to the ELCA Youth and Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans. Homemade Beignets and yogurt will be served.

Please come and be generous as we provide our final opportunity to support this trip that will enlighten and sustain the youth, young adults, and adult leaders as they participate in growing in faith and experiencing the wider church in new ways through their trip. Everyone is welcome.

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!

School Supplies for KMLC Pantry Guests

Over the summer, we will be collecting backpacks of all types, notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, color pencils, glue, tissues, scissors, hand sanitizer, and anything else you may find useful for our school-aged pantry guests. You will find labeled donation tubs in the Fellowship Hall for your donations.



Plan to join us in the link on August 4 after the 9 AM service to fill the backpacks with school supplies that will be given to students at the Kountze Pantry.



Blessing of the Backpacks

August 3, 5 PM
August 4, 9 & 11 AM
All students, teachers, professors, Sunday school volunteers, and support

staff are invited to bring their school bags to church and receive a blessing for a year of abundant learning and development.

Baptism Reunion
Sunday, September 15
12 PM (following 11 AM Worship)

If you have a child that has been baptized in the last two years. Mark your calendars to attend this event.



Invitations will be coming your way in August. This event will help you to meet other parents in the church with babies and toddlers, learn about available opportunities the church offers for your children, and also ponder ways that you can share the faith daily in your home as you live out the baptismal promises made on behalf of your child.

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Finances: April, 2024

	<i>April</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 90,089.53	\$ 359,969.50
Expenses:		
Mission Support:	\$ -	\$ 26,666.68
Christian Education:	\$ 404.33	\$ 1,843.49
Facility Costs:	\$ 7,386.02	\$ 62,650.03
Staff Compensation:	\$ 62,363.23	\$ 245,867.14
Worship & Music:	\$ 4,541.84	\$ 15,471.82
Parish Life:	\$ 840.08	\$ 7,071.86
Youth:	\$ 273.26	\$ 469.45
Office & Administration:	\$ 3,294.69	\$ 18,848.71
Total Expenses:	\$ 79,986.08	\$ 378,889.18

Loan Balance, 4/1/2024.....	\$905,420.07
Principal Payment, 4/1/2024	\$2,725.18
Interest Payment, 4/1/2024.....	\$2,979.82
Balance, 5/1/2024	\$902,694.89

CALENDAR



June 1 Saturday
Jun 1 - Jun 2 Synod
Assembly
Homebound Communion
5 PM Worship

June 2 Sunday
Pentecost 2
Homebound Communion
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM Youth/Young
Adult Meeting

June 3 Monday
10 AM Pantry

June 4 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting

June 5 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

June 6 Thursday
2 PM Cards with Friends
4 PM HGF Clinic

June 7 Friday
Wedding Rehearsal
5 PM Pantry

June 8 Saturday
Einbeck & Beller Wedding
5 PM Worship

June 9 Sunday
Pentecost 3
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:15 PM Book Group
2 PM Ordination Service

June 10 Monday
10 AM Pantry
5 PM KCCOC Board

June 11 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting

June 12 Wednesday
9 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1 PM Devotions @
deFreese
4 PM Exec. Committee

June 13 Thursday
Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Com.
4 PM HGF Clinic

June 14 Friday
5 PM Pantry

June 15 Saturday
5 PM Worship

June 16 Sunday
Jun 16 - 21 Camp Week
Pentecost 4
Father's Day
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum

June 17 Monday
10 AM Pantry

June 18 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting
1 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6 PM Cong. Council

June 19 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

June 20 Thursday
Wedding Rehearsal
11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4 PM HGF Clinic
6 PM Circle 5

June 21 Friday
Mitchell & Chohom
Wedding
5 PM Pantry

June 22 Saturday
5 PM Worship

June 23 Sunday
Pentecost 5
9 AM & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum
11 AM Neighborhood
Gathering

June 24 Monday
10 AM Pantry

June 25 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3
7:30 PM Youth Com.

June 26 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

June 27 Thursday
1 PM Circle 4
4 PM HGF Clinic

June 28 Friday
5 PM Pantry

June 29 Saturday
5 PM Worship

June 30 Sunday
Pentecost 6
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum



July 1 Monday
10 AM Pantry

July 2 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting

July 3 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

July 4 Thursday
Independence Day
Office Closed

July 5 Friday
5 PM Pantry

July 6 Saturday
Homebound Communion
5 PM Worship

July 7 Sunday
Pentecost 7
Homebound Communion
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum

July 8 Monday
Jul 8 - Jul 11 5:30 PM - 8
PM Camp Firelight VBS
@ St. Timothy's
10 AM Pantry
5 PM KCCOC Board

July 9 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting

July 10 Wednesday
9 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1 PM Devotions @
deFreese
4 PM Exec. Committee

July 11 Thursday
Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Com.
4 PM HGF Clinic

July 12 Friday
5 PM Pantry

July 13 Saturday
5 PM Worship

July 14 Sunday
Pentecost 8
Jul 14 - Jul 21 ELCA Youth/
Young Adult Gathering
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:15 PM Book Group

July 15 Monday
Good News Deadline
10 AM Pantry

6 PM HGFC Clinic Board

July 16 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting
1 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6 PM Cong. Council

July 17 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

July 18 Thursday
11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4 PM HGF Clinic
6 PM Circle 5
6 PM Worship/Music Com.

July 19 Friday
5 PM Pantry

July 20 Saturday
5 PM Worship

July 21 Sunday
Pentecost 9
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum

July 22 Monday
10 AM Pantry

July 23 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3
7:30 PM Youth Com.

July 24 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

July 25 Thursday
1 PM Circle 4
4 PM HGF Clinic

July 26 Friday
5 PM Pantry

July 27 Saturday
5 PM Worship

July 28 Sunday
Pentecost 10
9 & 11 AM Worship
9 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe
10:10 AM Adult Forum

July 29 Monday
10 AM Pantry
11:30 AM Endowment
Board

July 30 Tuesday
9 AM Staff Meeting

July 31 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship



1. Charles Martis, Justin Pestel, Jack Ruesch, Joyce Wachal, Delaney Morgan
2. Rebecca Klemmensen, Jacqueline Lynch, Katie Wardell, Eric Westerman
3. Victoria Bratcher, Genevieve Micek
4. Gene Brady, Jocelyn Burt, Matthew Glasgow, Summer Kunkel, Taylor Morrow



5. Jim Reed, Toby Rees
6. Patricia Bressman, Libbie Diggins, Lawrence Storer, Matthew Traub, Olivia Weddell, Diana Wendt
7. Dianne Ratliff, John Schneiderman
8. Dulcinea Boesenberg, Linda Hirsh, Liz Pemberton
9. Zachary Bass, Judith Stuart, Shari Duminy
10. Patt Councill, Boe Di Lorenzo, Steven Duffield, John Kunz
11. Don Johnson, Jane Ross
12. Joan Amos, Susan Bass, Natalie Bass, Matt Coufal, Marvin Kovar, David Mayberry, Meryl Severson, Margarita Valquier
13. Brian Kooienga, Stephanie Schade
14. Dean Winther
15. Steve Amos, Michael Bailey, Ruth Hashberger, Lyle McFarland, Lynnette Mullins, Trevor Culbertson
16. Elizabeth Comfort, Marcy Madison, Boyd Nansel, Lawton Rees, Lucy Wynard, Sam Greguska
17. Jim Brand, Sofie Di Lorenzo, Steve Jacobson, Wyatt Loucks, Kristina Pache, Nicholas Fogleman, Elizabeth Broekemeier
18. Kathryn Allen, Matthew Brown, Nicole Jones
19. Amy McFarland, Nancy Meyer, Nathan Stier, Lisa Chinn, Bill McCoy
20. Maria Bang, Carl Falk, Tim Laudenback, LeClare Steffen, Sara Worm, Richard Zaporowski
21. Colin Girthoffer, Linda Herrington, Jeba Inbarasu, Frank-John Maaske
22. Jessica Olson, Peggy Glasser, Rudolf Kotula, Virginia Williams
23. Grace Albright, Heidi Wood, Jadon Costanzo
24. David Gardner, Phyllis Kuthan, Cindy Featherly-Lavelle, Charles Cole
25. Judy Boelts, Hayden Fischer
26. Jamee Bjerke
28. Shirleen Collett, Penny Hovendick, Thomas McCarthy
29. Brian Miller, Robin Perkins, Betty Thomas, Douglas Weedman
30. Michael Bratcher, Nancy Nepodal

1. Kai-Di Johnson, Pam Reinke, Matthew Rudie, Stephen Sieberson, Jessica Kuthan



2. Dorothy Bossman, Diana John, Julie Milks, Nicole Neuschwanger, Laurie Pestel
3. Ethan Ferguson, Karen Sundell
4. Donald Burton, Amie James
5. Franklin Yates
6. Kristy Baker, Will Higa, Mackenzie Peterson, Tom Shields
7. Anne Dey, Ann Hadfield, Alexander Venn, Joshua Venn, Zachary Venn, Kayla Slaughter
8. Naomi Klein, Nichole Turgeon, Alex Hardy, David Gibson, Nathan Gardner
9. Tom Irving
10. Gary Christiansen, Barbara Eckhorn, Molly Gunia, Carl Hartmann, Tim Walker, Naomi Martin, Cooper Erdman
11. Lorie Nielson, Rick Lienemann, Sarah Penn, Bridget Robbins, William Ryder
12. Scott Rowe, Joel Sacks, Nicholas Stephens, Hannah Workman
13. Steven Fonda, Kristen Gardner, Jean Johnson, Eva Reed, Pam Swanger, Katy Clarke
14. Patricia Muller
15. Allison Albright, Christy Edris, William Vawter, Robert Williams
16. Caleb Fili, Robert Nelson
17. Kelsey Ferry, Inba Inbarasu, Samuel Williams
18. Natasha Gartin
19. Jazmin Gardner, Margaret Georgeson, Katharine Schjodt, Orv Knapp, Keeley Porter, Barbara Smrkovsky, Dallas Schramm
20. Deborah Edris, Deb Fogleman, Judy Hamaker, Richard Taylor
21. Nancy Falk, Bennett Bressman, Pat Edwards, Vicki Freeman, Isabel Sampson, Cynthia Whitmyre, Alyssa Hansen
22. Lawrence Harvey, Catherine Herzberg, Christine Manion
23. Parker Lefebvre
24. Kyrsten Rohmeyer
25. Rob Comfort, Kallie Egeland, Tim Holland
26. Dayle Johnson, Abbi Miranda Carreto, Megan Neill, Roxann Perrine, Alex Ignowski
27. Carol Coffey, Tanya Kuenning
28. Melanie Bratcher, Linda Hoagland, Kelli Rolfsmeyer, Stu Sedlak, Vicky Jo Berlett
29. Charles Kocourek, Ashley Laudenback
30. Colleen Furjanic, Lee Johnson, Kimberly Merrill
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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/>

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Synod Assembly Worship

Sunday, June 2

11 AM

The Nebraska Synod Assembly will come to an inspiring close worshipping together. We're thrilled to invite all congregations to participate. Join us as we worship together across the state... from Scottsbluff to McCook to Niobrara to Falls City! We are invited to gather with God's people on the Second Sunday after Pentecost this year, committing to Cultivate Love and to continue in our shared mission and ministry as the whole church in the state of Nebraska. Go to

<https://nebraskasynod.org/>

to watch assembly happenings on June 1 and 2. This is where you can join the Sunday 11 AM Worship as well.

Annual Neighborhood Gathering

Sunday, June 23

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Kountze will be hosting our Annual Neighborhood Gathering again this year. We will hold the event at the North end of the West parking lot. Bring your friends and neighbors! All are invited! Anyone that wants to have a good time is welcome to stop by and have a hot dog and popcorn.

We will have a new band this year, "Ron and the Renegades," They will not be playing for the worship services so the Gathering will start at 11:00 AM.

We can always use volunteers, so please use the insert in the weekly bulletin beginning June 2 to sign up or contact the Church office if you can help. More details to follow shortly.