

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PASTOR

It's (almost) September – one of those times of year when it feels like time is racing forward, and there is more to do each day than I can possibly accomplish. **As a mom, a pastor, and just a human being, I can find this time of year exhausting!** While I am grateful for the routines and activities that rev back up... **it's a lot.** And I suspect I'm not the only one feeling that way at the moment.

So, as I sit here – hastily trying to get my Good News article written, right up to the deadline – I am remembering the advice a spiritual mentor gave me many years ago. She was speaking specifically about worship but it applies to much of life in general: **focus on ONE thing.** Find the one thing that God is saying to you in that hour; the one thing you need to do next; the one thing that is most important today. Just ONE thing.

If I am being honest, it goes a little against my instinct to share this with you. It's tempting to ask you to do MORE, just as I'm tempted to try and figure out how I can do more. Because I see just how much there is to do together here at Kountze! We need your gifts and talents; we need people to volunteer in our different ministries, mentors to guide our youth, new energy and ideas to reimagine ministry with our college and young professionals, ushers, communion servers, acolytes, folks to visit our homebound... **but none**

**of us can do it all, or even most of it.** Each of us must work hard to discern what is that ONE thing God might be calling us to. And **when each of us offers our gifts, and guards our own hearts, minds and bodies from doing too much – together, we are the body of Christ.**

The exciting, hopeful, energizing news is that God is present and leading us here at Kountze and there is good work ahead of us. There is a sense of mission that fills me with joy. We need every person and their gifts in this mission. AND, it's okay to say no to some things in order to say yes to the one thing that is truly what God is inviting you into in this season. So (as I preach to myself here) **I invite you today to ask God what that ONE thing is for you.** And most of all, I urge you to remember that NOTHING we do can earn what God has freely, lavishly given us: our belovedness and worth. Sit for a moment with that ONE truth – even if you don't get out of bed tomorrow... even if you drop all the balls you're trying to juggle... even if you're not able to be supermom/superman/superfriend/superhuman – **you are beloved Child of God. And that is enough.**

Grateful for you & excited for the year ahead of us... and hoping for a nap this week –

*Pastor Lucy*



Sundays  
in October

### October 6

Receive New Members

12:00 PM Worship Training (Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild) **or**

### October 13

10:00 AM Worship Training (Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild)

5:00 PM High School & Young Adult Food, Fellowship, & Haunted House

### October 13 **or** 20

12:00 PM First Communion Classes

### October 27

Reformation - Wear Red

First Communion and Bible Sunday

# 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 and archived on our website ([www.kmlchurch.org](http://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](http://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.

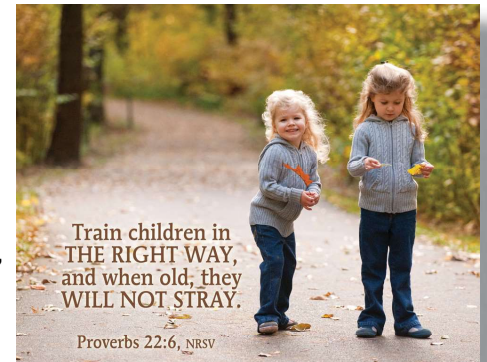
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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.

- Sept. 1: Fellowship  
Sept. 8: Rally Day  
Sept. 15: 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation  
Sept. 22: Fellowship (Congregation Picnic Set up)  
Sept. 29: 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation, 2

- Oct. 6: Welcoming New Members  
Oct. 13: Fellowship

## New Member Classes

September 15 & 29

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, October 6. Questions or planning to attend? Call the church office – we look forward to connecting with you!

## Help Connect Students to Campus Ministry!



NEBRASKA  
LUTHERAN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

On college campuses across Nebraska and beyond, you can help connect students to our Lutheran

Campus Ministries! Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry has a contact and referral page: <https://nelcm.com/referral-a-student/> Please take a moment to help invite those you know to Christ! Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry locations include: Chadron State College, Creighton, UNK, UNL, SECC/Beatrice, Peru State, UNO, and Wayne State College. For more information or to make a gift of support, go to: [www.nelcm.com](http://www.nelcm.com).

## Pastoral Acts

(July 16 - August 15, 2024)

### Baptisms:

Greta Royce Chida, July 21

## Lift Your Voice in Song!

### Kountze Memorial Adult Choir

Do you love singing and want to be part of a joyful, dedicated community? Join our Kountze Memorial Adult Choir, where we sing praises to God and enjoy fellowship together. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to lift your voice, we'd love to have you with us as we make vibrant and beautiful music.

Our first rehearsal is on Wednesday, September 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, and we're excited to return to worship services on Sunday, September 8. Come be a part of something special!

If you're interested in becoming a vital part of our worship through music, we'd be thrilled to welcome you to the choir. Previous singing experience in high school or college is a plus, but not required. For more information or to join, please reach out to Barb Carlsen at 402-341-7761. We'd love to have you sing with us!



## Women's Fall Gathering & Soup Luncheon

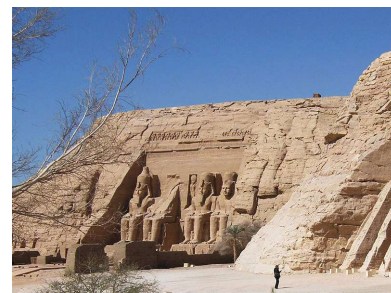
Saturday, September 21

11 AM

All women are invited to join us...

- You do not need to be a member of a Circle to attend
- Bring a friend or two
- There is no cost for the lunch
- Please RSVP by Monday, September 16 so we know how many to plan for

After lunch, Jonna Holland will present highlights from her recent trip to Egypt and Jordan. She'll share what they learned about the religious roots of Egypt through the Pyramids and Temples along the Nile. She'll also show the influences of the "People of the Book" in Egypt: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. She'll share photos of what Moses saw on Mt. Nebo in Jordan, and where the Holy Family stayed in Cairo. She'll conclude with some interesting photos of Petra and the breathtaking Wadi Rum desert in Jordan, which served as the backdrop in several recent movies.



# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for our Pantry guests. These items are always available along with bar soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, and toilet tissue. We offer deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, shave cream, body wash and lotion on the

first Monday of the month. Any donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste (or any of these hygiene products) would be greatly appreciated. You may place your contribution in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall or, if ordering online, send directly to the Church.

As always, we are in need of volunteers. We have jobs for most ages and abilities. We especially need volunteers on Friday evenings and on Monday morning September 16, when Methodist is hosting a health fair at the Kountze Pantry. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up at the link below.

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

## Food Pantry Report (1/1/2023 - 7/31/2024)

### Income:

Grants	\$	-
Donations:	\$	26,706.80
Memorials	\$	<u>1,885.00</u>
	\$	28,591.80

### Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	-
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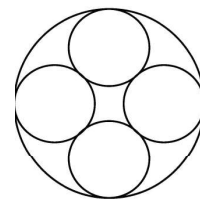
### Regular Expenses

Aldi	\$	-
Costco	\$	1,736.08
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	3,469.57
Hy-Vee	\$	-
Dollar Tree	\$	205.44
Family Fare	\$	5,324.88
Food Bank	\$	-
Walmart	\$	2,863.45
Sam's Club	\$	520.49
Other	\$	<u>1,473.10</u>
	\$	15,593.01

**Balance**                      \$      **12,998.79**

## Double the Difference

### Donate to the Healing Gift Free Clinic Pharmacy Software Update



The Healing Gift Free Clinic and free pharmacy is committed to providing essential medical care and prescriptions to our community's most vulnerable populations. To ensure they can continue offering high-quality healthcare, they need to upgrade their pharmacy software. The current pharmacy data management system was designed by a pharmacy volunteer over a decade ago using donated equipment and is outdated.

A generous foundation has offered to match your donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000.00 to support this critical update. This is an incredible opportunity to double your impact and make a substantial difference in the lives of countless individuals in need.

Your donation will help us:

- More easily maintain prescription accuracy and patient safety
- Streamline medication management processes
- Enhance our ability to provide timely and effective care
- Maximize time with patients
- Improve prescription labeling and education
- Comply with increasingly detailed government reporting requirements

By investing in pharmacy software, HGFC is investing in the health and well-being of our community. Your support will not only help them meet the requirements of the matching grant, but also enable them to provide even better care to those who rely on the Clinic.

To donate online, please go to the Vanco site at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z45H/campaign/C-126KA>. This link is also accessible through the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church website ([www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org)) under the Donate tab, as well as the Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center website ([www.kountzecommons.org](http://www.kountzecommons.org)) under the Donate tab. Please note this is a matching grant contribution under "Note (optional)."

To donate by check, please mail or bring your contribution directly to the church office. Please indicate in the memo line the donation is "HGFC matching grant."

Every dollar counts! Let's work together to unlock this matching grant and create a happier and healthier future for our community.

# NEWS & Notes...



July 16, 2024

Pastor Wynard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The agenda was adopted and previous minutes approved.

**Old Business.** Council discussed the Associate Pastor position by reflecting

- what has gone well (fellowship, youth, coming out of pandemic, breakfast, visitation, connections with people, and lots of responsibilities),
- what do we wish we had more time on (hire began during pandemic which was difficult, more time with Senior Pastor, and more communication with Council to lighten the load),
- and what we hope for the next season (staffing needs, assignment of roles, expectations, process, and clarification).

Council retreat is set for Saturday, September 14, 2024

along with a Friday evening meal. Mary Lee Brock will preside over the retreat as we develop our next steps. Tina & Jerry have volunteered to oversee the retreat. Ministry Fairs to be held on August 4 & August 25. Katie Larson will visit on August 11. Servant Keeper to Realm software process has begun. The 2024 financials will still be completed using Servant Keeper. Church staff consultation will be this fall with Martin Malley.

**New Business.** Congregational meeting to be held on August 18. Agenda is Transition team update, KCCOC vote, Council & Endowment elections, and unspent funds presentation. Council approved nominees Jenn Bunge and Ruth Henneman for Church council and Mike Jensen for Endowment Board. Jill Conway will present on KCCOC, and Mike Jensen will present on the unspent funds plan.

Financial Report given by Tim Backora. June giving was down (typical for the summer months) and expenses were level. June overall was \$33,000 in the red.

Staff reports given and approved by Council.

Ministry, Committee, and Board reports given and approved by Council.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Thank you from Table Grace Café

Hello Friends!

What a run and what a wild ride! Seven shows at three venues. All of this was only possible through the love and support from the community and from people like you! To all the people who attended and who came together to make the musical become reality - Thank you...Thank you...THANK YOU!!!



## Free Community Health Fair

Monday, September 16

9 AM - Noon

Methodist Community Health Clinic and the Kountze Memorial Food Pantry are hosting this free health fair inside Kountze Commons outside of the Pantry as well as near the west parking lot of Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center.

Available screenings and services include flu vaccines, head and neck cancer screenings, skin cancer screenings, vital signs and glucose checks, healthy eating tips from registered dietitians, smoking cessation tips, and spotting the signs of a stroke or heart attack.

You do not need to be a patient of Methodist Community Health Clinic or a Food Pantry guest to participate. ALL ARE WELCOME.



HEALTH FAIR



Sunday, October 6,  
12:15 PM

or

Sunday, October 13,  
10:10 AM

- Join us for training of Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild
- All current servers are encouraged to attend for a refresher course
- If you are interested in learning more about Worship Assistants, please contact the church office to register or sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall

## Update from the Transition Team

The Pastoral Transition Team has continued to meet this summer conducting the necessary research and collecting information to begin the Pastoral Call process for a new Associate Pastor. The ELCA process requires that we complete a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) specific to our needs, while also sharing information about Kountze with potential candidates. Some requested information is statistical (active members, number of baptisms, number of confirmations, etc.) but other information requires self-evaluation, summarizing congregational characteristics, and collecting input from members (like the surveys you responded to in June & August). The Transition Team are eager to both hear your input and share what we are discussing and working on! Please be in conversation with us in this stage of the process.



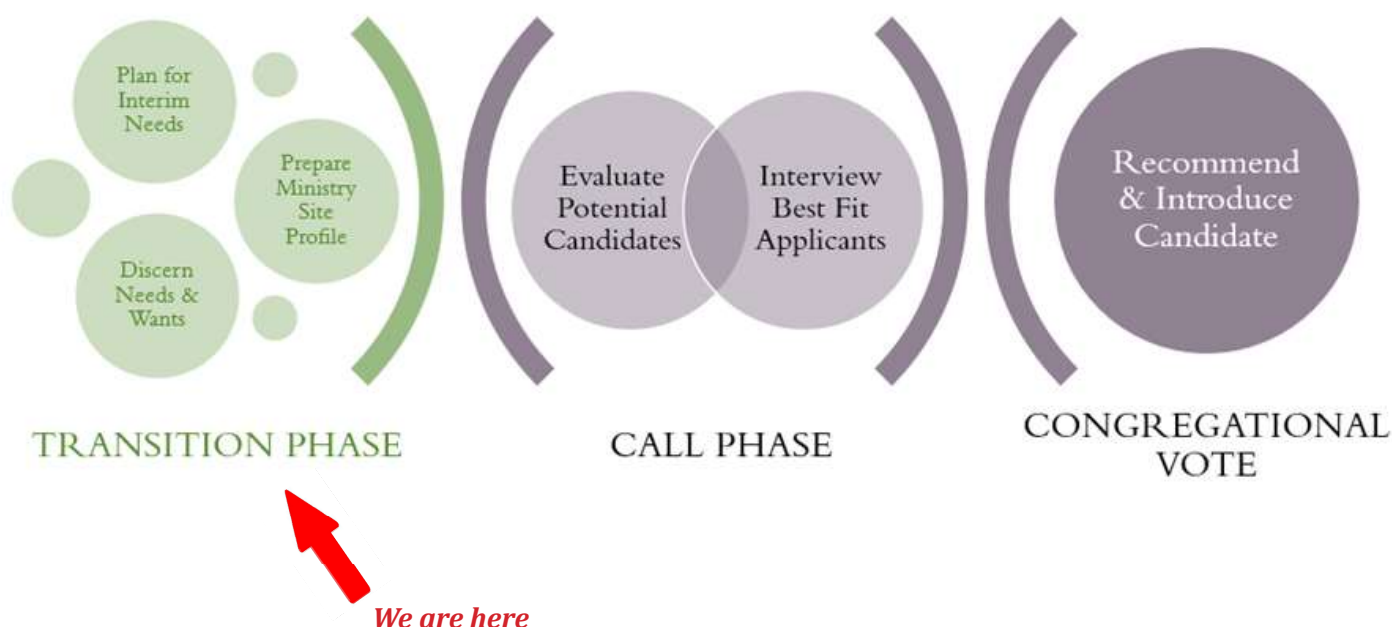
Once we finalize a draft of the MSP it will be submitted for Council review, and the final form will be available to the congregation this fall. We hope to finish this stage of the process by the end of October. From there, the MSP will officially be posted through the Nebraska Synod office and a Pastoral Call Committee will be formed. The Call Committee will consist of some members of the Transition Team as well as other congregants - again, with the goal of representing as much of the diversity of our congregation as possible without having too big of a group! The Call Committee will be responsible for evaluating potential candidates' paperwork, which the Synod will pass on to us, and interviewing appropriate candidates. Because of the importance of confidentiality around specific candidates, the Call Committee will be able to share very little detail about their work. The MSP and the Holy Spirit will guide their discernment.

In the meantime, the Nebraska Synod has been working with us to identify interim support for Kountze Memorial. Transparently - there is a lack of available Transitional Ministers in the Synod. But we have been assured this does NOT mean there is a shortage of candidates for our next Associate Pastor. In fact, the Synod is confident that when we get to that stage we will have candidates to interview. Pastor Lucy is in conversation with a potential part-time Interim Minister about our needs and how they might help.

Please keep praying for the Transition Team, our amazing staff, the Synod and our shared mission, and for the next Associate Pastor as God leads their discernment process. Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for the next phase of Kountze Memorial's special legacy.

Your Transition Team: Pr. Lucy Wynard, Anne Dey, Dulcinea Boesenberg, Ron Brown, Scott Henneman, Tarna Kidder, Lara McCormick, and Jeff Perkins

## ELCA Pastoral Call Process Overview



## 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](mailto: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!

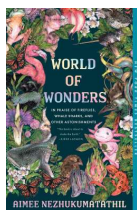
## KMLC Book Group

Sunday, September 8

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

**World of Wonders** - In praise of fireflies, whale sharks, and other astonishments - by Aimee Nezhukumatathil



This is indeed a book of wonders. The author is a poet and educator, professor of English and creative writing at the University of Mississippi. Through her poetic prose and the beautiful illustrations by Fumi Mini Nakamura, the book of essays about nature leads the reader to open his eyes to see what surrounds us and love the creatures of our planet.

The author reflects on memories of her life from childhood, education, career, and uses creatures of nature to help her understand her life. One reviewer suggests to begin reading the book with the last essay on fireflies to set a tone to slow down and be like a child and delight in all that surrounds us from above and below, and recognize how the plants, birds, and animals of our planet interconnect with humans.

This nonfiction book focuses on whale sharks, touch-me-nots, dancing frogs, axolotl, octopuses, comb jelly, and nature, in motherhood, family, childhood, passage of time, and love. It was listed as one of the best books of 2020 by NPR.

## A Spamtenter Men's Lunch

Thursday, September 19

11:30 AM

**Recommended Donation: \$10.00**

"Beef might be for dinner" but "Spam is what's for lunch". We will sample a few spam recipes and learn more about the history of Spam. This is sure to put Jim's culinary skills to the test but rest assured everyone is promised a great time of food and fellowship.

Please RSVP at the welcome desk, call the church office or email: [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) to reserve your spot at the spamtacular event.



## Everyone is Invited to Our Annual Church Picnic!

Sunday, September 22

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Get ready for a day of food, fun, and fellowship at our Annual Church Picnic! Mark your calendars now because this is one event you won't want to miss. Join us at the church for a delicious meal (with a vegetarian option, of course) and bring your favorite side dish to share.

The day will be filled with outdoor entertainment for the kids, and we'll wrap up with everyone's favorite—BINGO! Keep an eye on the bulletin for sign-up sheets starting September 1. Let's make this year's picnic the best one yet!



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Rally Sunday

**Sunday, September 8**

We will WORSHIP at the 9 AM service and receive a blessing for the upcoming year of Faith Formation.

We will GROW. Following the blessing, we will process out of the church and into the Upper Rooms to pray for an educational year learning about God's love and how we can share that love in the world. You will receive an educational packet and calendar for the upcoming year.

We will SERVE. As September 8 is God's Work/Our Hands Sunday, we will be collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Kountze Pantry. It is a much-needed item that can be overlooked in donations. Let's stock the shelves for a while!



## Sunday School Registration Coming Soon!



Be on the lookout for a QR code in the bulletin. All students must be registered so we can easily contact you with information throughout the year and in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

Find updates and events on our Facebook page. Ask to join the private group at KMLC Parent and Friend Group.

## Volunteers Needed

We need your help making this a fun and educational school year for the students of Kountze Memorial.

We need your help in the following areas:

1. Teachers. Are you available once a month to lead a scripted lesson?
2. Assistants. Can you help the teacher with materials and engaging the students?
3. Preschool and Nursery assistance. Once a month volunteer schedule.
4. Snacks! Can you bring healthy treats such as fruit bars, trail mix, granola bars, or crackers? Let me know!
5. Choir assistant. This help is needed once a month, during the 9 AM service to pass out materials for Barb and assist during the Christmas program time.
6. Be on the lookout for "Materials Needed" requests.



You might have that certain something we need laying around your house.

Let's help our children in developing a deep connection with the Word of God, fellowship with each other, and service to our community. We appreciate your support!

Email [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) to volunteer your time or ask any questions.

## Children's Choir

**Beginning Sunday, September 15**

**9:15 AM (following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)**

**2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room  
Grades K-6**



Children's Choir

Barb Carlsen is excited to have another opportunity to work with your talented children this year. She has over 35 years of experience as a music teacher and enjoys working with young people.

All children in grades K-6 are encouraged to sing in our Children's Choir. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Barb in the church office at 402-341-7761.

## Baptism Reunion

**Sunday, September 15**

**12 PM (following 11 AM  
Worship)**

If you have a child who has been baptized in the last two years (January, 2023 - August, 2024), 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.



## Confirmation Lock-in

**Grades 7 & 8**

**Friday/Saturday, September 6 & 7**



Plan to join us at Kountze Memorial for a lock-in and service night at 4:30 PM on Friday. More information to follow.

## Confirmation Classes Begin

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (93<sup>rd</sup> & Dodge)

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, September 11

6 - 7:15 PM

Plan to join us at Kountze Memorial for a lock-in and service night on September 6-7. More information to follow.

If any 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents weren't able to be at the Confirmation Orientation at St. Timothy's on August 28 but want to participate in the classes or you have questions, please contact Pr. Lucy.



## Haunted House & Fellowship Night!

Sunday, October 13

5-6:30 PM Food & Fellowship at Kountze

7:00 PM Head to the Dungeon of the Damned

Located in the basement of Hollywood Candy (1209 Jackson St)



Beginning September 27, you can buy tickets online for \$20 at:

[www.dungeonofthedamned.com](http://www.dungeonofthedamned.com)

We want everyone who can make it to come, so if cost is a concern, please reach out to Pastor Lucy!

## Help Wanted!

We have a growing number of youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) and young adults (college and young career-aged) involved in the congregation, and especially in this interim period as we figure out staffing, we could use some



extra help making sure these important members of our congregation are welcomed and invited to Worship + Grow + Serve as well.

Here are some you might be able to help:

- Host an event in your home - simply provide snacks or a meal & a welcoming space.
- Chaperone an activity for our youth - just come and be an adult presence for a Confirmation or youth group event.
- Help lead Youth Forum on Sunday mornings - on a rotational basis once a month, curriculum / leadership guidance provided.
- Donate - snacks, meals, supplies, coffee, or the money to purchase those things. We all love food - and they're the way to a young person's heart!
- Other... - maybe you have your own ideas - we'd love to hear them

If this is an area where you might be able to help this year - even just once or twice, please let Pastor Lucy know!



October 13 or 20

October 27

December 1

December 15

First Communion Classes

First Communion and Bible Sunday

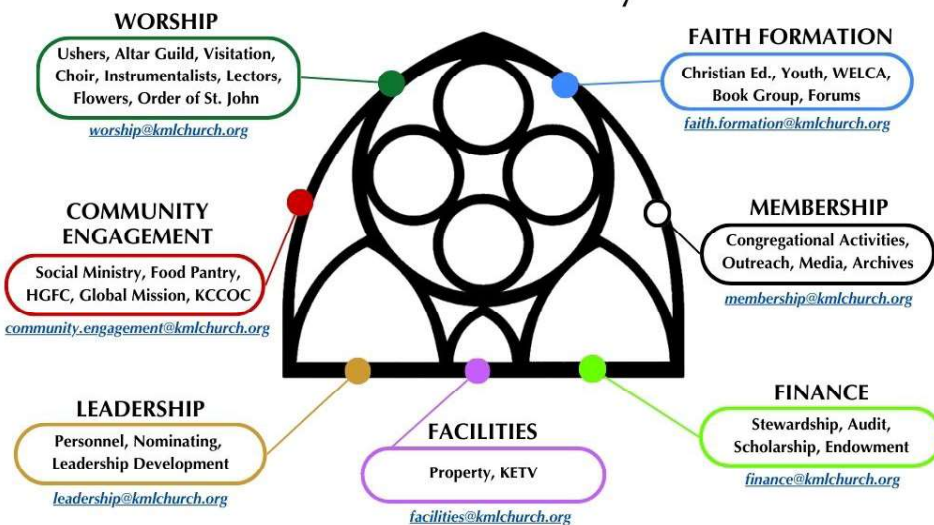
Advent Fair

Christmas Program

## KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship + Grow + Serve

### 7 Areas of Ministry:



Ilse Grage and family want to express how deeply touched they are by the overwhelming number of cards, phone calls, and messages of support Ilse received during Albert's illness and after his passing. Your kindness and prayers have been a true comfort to her during this difficult time. Ilse says she is blessed to be part of such a caring and loving congregation. With heartfelt thanks, Ilse Grage and family

# CALENDAR



# SEPTEMBER

## September 1 Sunday

Pentecost 15  
Homebound Communion  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

## September 2 Monday

Labor Day  
OFFICE CLOSED  
No Pantry

## September 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## September 4 Wednesday

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

## September 5 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## September 6 Friday

11:00 AM Albert Grage Memorial Service  
4:30 PM Confirmation Lock-in & Service Project  
5:00 PM Pantry

## September 7 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## September 8 Sunday

Pentecost 16  
Rally Sunday  
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 Café - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour  
12:15 PM Book Group

## September 9 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry  
5:00 PM KCCOC Board

## September 10 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
7:30 PM Youth Committee

## September 11 Wednesday

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

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

## September 12 Thursday

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

## September 13 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## September 14 Saturday

8 AM - 3:00 PM Council Leadership Retreat

5:00 PM Worship

## September 15 Sunday

Pentecost 17  
Good News Deadline  
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 Café - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour  
10:15 AM New Member Class  
12:00 PM Baptism Reunion

## September 16 Monday

9:00 AM - Noon Pantry Health Fair  
10:00 AM Pantry  
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board

## September 17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:00 PM KETV Board  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
6:00 PM Congregation Council

## September 18 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

## September 19 Thursday

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

## September 20 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## September 21 Saturday

11:00 AM Women's Fall Gathering  
5:00 PM Worship

## September 22 Sunday

Pentecost 18  
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 Café - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour  
11:30 AM Church Picnic

## September 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## September 24 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:30 PM Circle 3

## September 25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

## September 26 Thursday

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

## September 27 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Pantry

## September 28 Saturday

Miller & Woster Wedding  
5:00 PM Worship

## September 29 Sunday

Michael & All Angels  
Pentecost 19  
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 Café - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour  
10:15 AM New Member Class

## September 30 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

Schedule a time to meet with Pastor Lucy by following the link or QR Code below...

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





1. Katie Rohmeyer, Xander Gibson
2. Jordan Burt, Jason Headley, Linda Heedum, Matthew Szymczak
3. Janice Brady, Julie Huff, Terrie Larkowski, Jacob Martens, Lynn Meyer
4. Stacie Badura, Dylan Allner, Dorothy Sum
5. Jason Badura, Kristin Bieber, Beth Burton, Mark Martens, Nick Pignatore
6. Jack Misbach, Krista Hill, Leann Steffen
7. Joel Brown, Alice Pickinpaugh, Holly Schmidt, Amy Wendling
8. Allysa Anderson, Susan O'Connor
9. Laura Granneman, Janice Hansen, Jacqueline Jensen, Zachary Martens
10. Christopher Huff, Mia Valquier
11. Michelle Bottrell, Alexander Stouffer, Kim Vawter
12. Janet Diggins, Sidney Weddell, Myrtle Weible, Matthew Fletcher
13. Zoe Brumfield, Ann Starkel, Tony Wilson, Elizabeth Reilly
14. Emma Hiatt, Teresa Larson, Floyd Pretz, Allen Starkel
15. Jill Earnhardt, Dan Bruckner, David Bruckner, Kimberly Fonda, Robert Johnston, Lewis Stevens, Judy Heim
16. Jacob Pestel, Nancy Rayno, Roy Miller
17. Marie Barrett, William Bridge, Andrew Bruch, Matthew Hansen, Jeffrey Meyer, Natalie Stucker, Erin Wolf
18. Glenn Anderson, Barbara Carlsen, Jeffrey Perkins, Timothy White
19. Nicholas Albright, Larry Filbrandt, Melea Headley, Lilly Johnston, Kathryn Cole
20. Harold Hall, Terry Sanne, Katie Schwieger, Charles Ziegenbein, Zachary Griger
21. Richard Whitmore
22. Paul Artherton, Rebecca Daugherty, Joyce Graybill, Amy Kunz, Colton Nuzum, Danielle Waller, Joanna Ziegler
23. Eric Johnson, Amaria Tompkins, Jamie Pfeilsticker, Kenneth Rudie, Grace Wendle, Kathryn Earnhardt
24. Erica Freeman, James Yeshnowski
25. Nathaniel Holland, Melissa Meier, Cole Meyer, Thomas Williams, Kristy Clarke
26. Judith Bergjord, Mark Fredrickson
27. Cheri Biggs, Kathleen Hawkins, Mark Rayno, Tracey Saklar, Rod Carlson
28. Curtis Johnson, Molly Lyons, Gary Raber, Beverly Traub
29. Garrett Day, Jodi Meyer, Douglas Misbach, Lillian Pfeilsticker
30. Erin-Louise Chapman, Jill Gittler, Todd Reckling, Gary Scarpino, Thea Greguska

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 7/1/2024.....	\$897,121.46
Principal Payment, 7/1/2024 .....	\$2,848.02
Interest Payment, 7/1/2024.....	\$2,856.98
Balance, 8/1/2024 .....	\$894,273.44

## Finances: July, 2024

	<i>July</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 80,927.95</b>	<b>\$ 594,704.69</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support:	\$ 6,666.66	\$ 46,666.68
Christian Education:	\$ -0-	\$ 2,842.22
Facility Costs:	\$ 12,073.70	\$ 95,172.75
Staff Compensation:	\$ 59,660.59	\$ 424,517.89
Worship & Music:	\$ 1,194.87	\$ 23,875.66
Parish Life:	\$ 675.17	\$ 18,146.37
Youth:	\$ 633.20	\$ 1,247.06
Office & Administration:	<u>\$ 4,681.68</u>	<u>\$ 29,249.70</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 85,585.87</b>	<b>\$ 641,718.33</b>

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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



We are God's people together. We are connected within the faith community and the larger community. We are connected with our local congregation and the larger church. How might God be calling us to cultivate connection? Labor Day provides an opportunity to connect the idea of vocation across the entire congregation and community. "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September 8th is a natural Sunday for connecting with one's larger community. In connecting with one another, relationships grow and so too awareness about one's gifts, vocations, questions, and dreams. In connecting with one another, ponder too about possible stories from August's theme. What did you try? And how perhaps did it connect you with others?

### Questions for Reflection:

- What are your gifts that God has entrusted you with? What are the gifts that God has entrusted your neighbor with? How might these gifts help cultivate connection?
- As the fall begins and so the ministry program year, how will you help cultivate connection within your faith community?
- What connections might God be inviting you to tend to, or to intentionally grow this year?