

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PASTOR

As we once again enter everyone's favorite time of year – Stewardship Season (yes, you do detect a hint of sarcasm!), I find myself feeling very reflective. If you've been in Adult Forum recently you know that we're marking the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kountze Memorial. And I am marking my one-year anniversary as your Senior Pastor. This past year has been a great blessing. I have witnessed firsthand, and experienced for myself, Kountze's great legacy and ongoing mission: your deep love for God and one another, your commitment to serving our community, and your warm hospitality towards all.

And so our theme for Stewardship this year—based on 1 Peter 4:8-10: **LOVE deeply. Be HOSPITABLE. SERVE one another.**—is a perfect lens through which to view both our legacy and our future. These words challenge us not only to look back with gratitude but also to look forward with hope and purpose. **What does it mean for us, here and now, to love deeply, to be hospitable, and to serve one another as we embrace the next chapter in Kountze's story?**

We are in the midst of exciting times. Over the next few years we will experience significant transformation in our neighborhood. At the same time, we are seeing new children and youth in our programs—more than we've seen in years! And as we search for a new Associate Pastor, there is a palpable sense of anticipation about the new ways in which we can live out our mission together.

**LOVE deeply.**  
**Be HOSPITABLE.**  
**SERVE one another.**  
-1 Peter 4: 8-10

But with all this energy and hopefulness comes a little anxiety, too. Change can be challenging. As we navigate transitions, we are also facing financial realities. We need to consider our staffing as we think about serving the complex, growing needs of our congregation. Our giving has fallen a little behind this year and our budget is strained. Yet, I am confident that God has called us to this moment, and that together, we will rise to meet the challenges before us. Just as Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church has done for 165 years!

This stewardship season, I invite you to reflect on how we can continue to embody our ongoing legacy. How is God calling you to deepen your commitment to this congregation and its mission? **How can your gifts—whether through financial giving\*, volunteering, or prayer—help ensure that Kountze remains a place where love is shared and lives are transformed?**

Thank you for all the ways you contribute to this community, for your generosity, and for your faithfulness. I am excited as I look forward to what God has in store for us in the next chapter!

Blessings,

*Pastor Lucy*

## Reformation

Sunday, October 29

We invite you to wear **RED** for the day as we celebrate our Lutheran Heritage and ponder the important work of theologian Martin Luther and those who continue the work that salvation comes to us in grace through faith in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.



\*If your budget allows for it we greatly appreciate extra gifts over the next couple of months to help us catch up with our expenses. Thank you all for your generosity in time, compassion and financial support!

You can add this extra gift to the offering plate or donate online by using the following link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z45H/home> or QR code. Thank you!



# 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.



## 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.

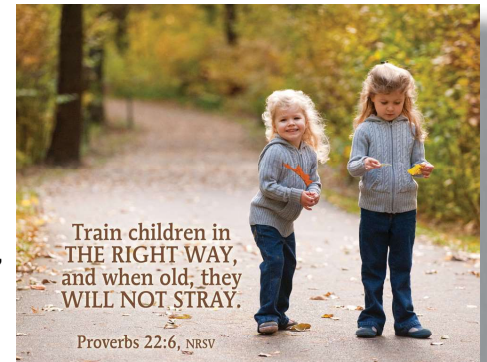
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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.

- Oct. 6: Welcoming New Members
- Oct. 13: 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation, 3
- Oct. 20: Review of ELCA Draft Statement, "Civic Life & Faith"
- Oct. 27: Review of "Civic Life and Faith," continued



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 asked 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

## Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5

10:30 AM

St. Cecilia Cathedral

701 N 40<sup>th</sup> St

Cathedral will host an outdoor celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets (dogs on a leash please) to the Cathedral front steps and join in this delightful event for all creatures great and small.

- Music and socializing 10:30 AM
- Blessing at 11:00 AM

Come early and bring your pooch with you to the Pancake Breakfast!



*come grow with us!*

## We Need Your Input on a Kountze Columbarium

The property committee has done some preliminary investigation on the possibility of having a Kountze Columbarium and Prayer Chapel. We want to gauge the congregation's interest to see if we should dig deeper into such a project. Some may be thinking what is a Columbarium? The word "columbarium" comes from the word "columba" meaning "dove". It has come to mean a structure with compartments, or niches, for holding funeral urns of human remains. If you would be interested in supporting a Kountze Columbarium or have questions, comments or concerns, we'd like to hear from you. Please visit with or email Jim Smejkal at [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) for more information.



Columbarium at Sinai Lutheran Church, Fremont, NE

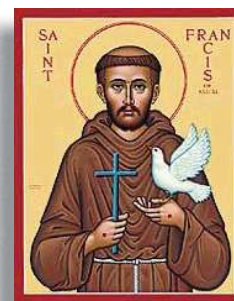
## Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, Peacemaker

Wednesday, October 9

7:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
113 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Mark your calendars! Kountze Memorial will once again join Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in a service commemorating St. Francis of Assisi, Peacemaker.



## GRIEF SEMINAR

Sunday, November 3

12:15 - 1:30 PM

Fellowship Lounge

Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief.

A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 or sign up at the Welcome Desk to make a reservation.

# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



The Kountze Food Pantry is continuing to collect 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, sent directly to the Church.

As always, we are in need of volunteers. We have jobs for most ages and abilities. 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 - 8/31/2024)

### Income:

Grants	\$	-0-
Donations:	\$	29,226.95
Memorials	\$	<u>1,885.00</u>
	\$	31,111.95

### Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	-0-
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### Regular Expenses

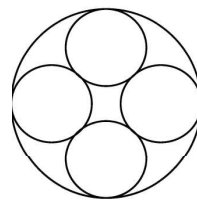
Aldi	\$	-0-
Costco	\$	2,319.43
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	3,469.57
Hy-Vee	\$	-0-
Dollar Tree	\$	205.44
Family Fare	\$	5,324.88
Food Bank	\$	-0-
Walmart	\$	6,512.33
Sam's Club	\$	520.49
Other	\$	<u>1,473.10</u>
	\$	19,825.24

**Balance**                      \$      **11,286.71**

## Caring for the Community

### Kountze Commons' Annual Health Fair

Methodist Community Health Clinic and the Kountze Memorial Food Pantry hosted their annual free Health Fair on September 16 at Kountze Commons Community



Outreach Center. The morning was a successful and collaborative effort by the KCCOC partners to promote community health and well-being. The Health Fair and Pantry drew many guests and volunteers. There were over 400 households represented with 31 new guests attending the Pantry and Health Fair.

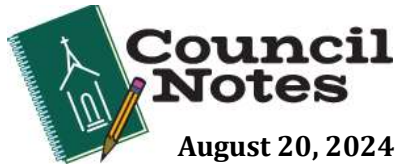
Pantry and community guests had access to flu vaccines, head and neck cancer screenings, skin cancer screenings, vital signs and glucose checks, healthy eating tips with yummy humus samples from registered dietitians, tips on quitting smoking, CPR education, tips on spotting the signs of a stroke or heart attack, and education on fall prevention and exercise.

KETV Newswatch 7 featured the Health Fair in their morning news in an interview with Alicia Whitehill RN with Nebraska Methodist College. Whitehill is a community clinical coordinator for the school. "[The Health Fair is so important in] trying to meet people where they are. Right now, individuals are facing food insecurity and housing insecurity more than ever. It is really important as healthcare providers that we go out into the community and offer our services," Whitehill said during the interview. "The more we learn about social determinants of health the more we recognize that our health is impacted far more outside the walls of a clinic or a hospital."

Overall, the Health Fair offered numerous benefits to both individuals and the community as a whole, including increased access to healthcare, a head start on preventive care, health education, and community building in an effort to reduce health disparities in society. It was truly a day to Feed the Hungry, Heal the Sick, and Tend the Soul.

# NEWS & Notes...

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August 20, 2024

Quorum reached and meeting called to order by Pastor Wynard at 6:05 PM

Meeting agenda accepted by acclamation and minutes of the previous meeting approved.

## Old Business

The Council discussed the August Congregational Election Meeting held during Forum on the previous Sunday, including financial update. Consensus that good questions were asked, and that the financial update was appreciated and well received.

Council then discussed the ministry fairs that were held in August and what would be appropriate follow-up steps. Pastor Wynard suggested developing a "time and talent sheet" for distribution to members. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to pair this effort with the forthcoming stewardship campaign in order to foster more involvement. A tentative date for stewardship/time and talent presentation was set for the October 6 Forum.

We next discussed the Associate Pastor transition process. Pastor Lucy will meet with someone suggested by the Synod tomorrow to consider possible avenues for a part-time, temporary position to cover some ministry/pastoral care needs (possibilities: visiting to homebound, youth activities, others to be determined). A special focus of the discussion was on keeping momentum in youth activities. It was clarified that anyone stepping into such a temporary position would not be considered for the permanent position. The transition team is doing well and making progress toward completion of their work.

Pastor Wynard announced that a Staffing Consultation with Martin Malley has been scheduled, and that the church office has begun using the Realm Church Management Software.

## New Business

Robust discussion of ideas for the New Member class, including involvement of outreach committee (callers of new members) and/or council members at new member

class. These members of the congregation could help new members feel welcomed, lead tours of the building, etc. The next new member classes will be held on September 15 and 29 (intervening Sunday is Church Picnic). Call for 1-2 council members and an outreach person to attend along with the new members and Pastor Hall. Lara volunteered for both dates, and Anne Dey for September 29. Person from New Member Outreach still sought.

Pastor Lucy asked all members to think about their committee assignments & leadership needs for upcoming year. Will need to rethink some liaison positions as some members rotate off council. Tina has volunteered to serve as president, and Tim has agreed to stay on as treasurer. We also need to get 1-2 additional council members registered as check-signers, as some are rotating off of council and some are likely to be out of town on a regular basis. There was unanimous expression of thanks and farewell to outgoing Council members.

This year's Council Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 14, with the usual Dinner for council members, (new, current, and returning), staff, and their families on Friday, September 13. As incoming President, Tina will coordinate the dinner.

## Financial Report

Tim reported that expenses ran approximately \$5,000 over income this month, with net income at -\$4,600; Year-to-date we are at -\$47,000, (compared to-\$15,000 at this time one year ago). Overall income is about the same as last year at this time, and discrepancy in the year-to-date numbers compared to last year is attributable to the salary for KCCOC director being paid monthly by the church, while transfer of funds from KCCOC to the church toward these payments happens on a less frequent schedule and has not yet occurred in the current cycle. No major financial concerns, but we need to increase bottom line giving. Finance report accepted by unanimous consent.

Staff reports given and approved by Council.

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjournment at 7:21PM.

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## Fall 2024 Newsletter

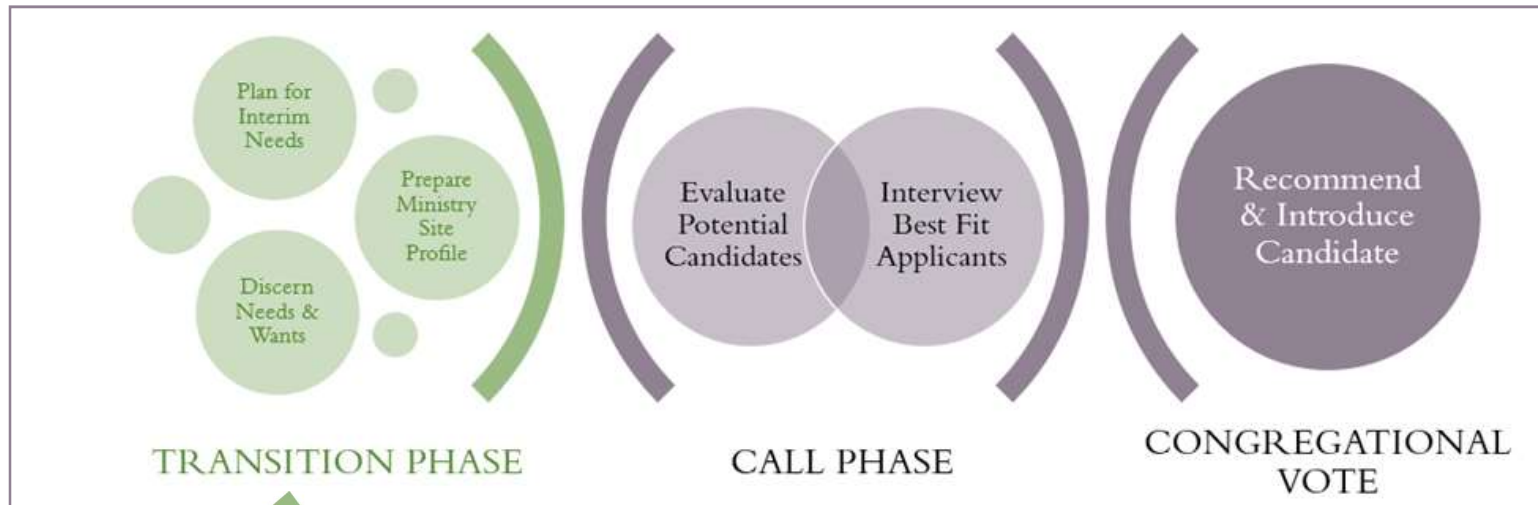
### Missionary, Rev. Dr. Chandran Paul Martin

Rev. Martin is one of the missionaries that we help to support and pray for each week. You can read his fall newsletter by using the following link:

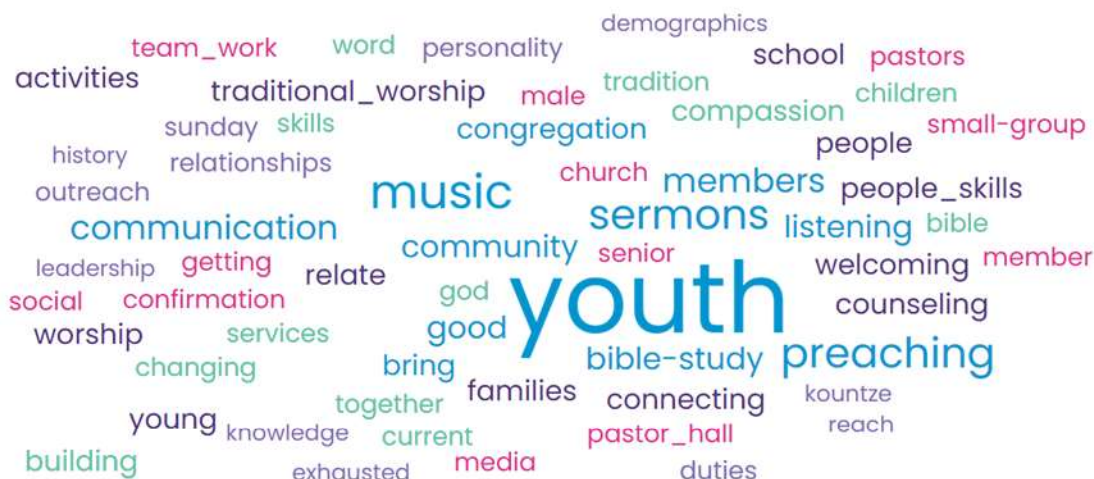
<https://tinyurl.com/cc2aphsf>



## ELCA Pastoral Call Process Overview



This Word Cloud represents the answers of the congregation in response to the question, "I hope our next Associate Pastor has gifts in..." (The bigger the word, the more often it was represented in responses).



In partnership with Lutheran Family Services, the Nebraska Synod is offering FREE Mental Health First Aid trainings and certifications. In October, there will be an in-person class at Messiah Lutheran Church in Ralston as well as an on-line option.

Mental Health First Aid provides the skills to help someone in crisis until the crisis is resolved or you are able to get professional help. Like standard CPR/First Aid, you are Not expected to be the professional, but it equips you with skills to provide help in a mental health crisis. If you haven't taken the training yourself, please consider doing so. Be sure to share this information with anyone you think may be interested.

More information and registration can be found using the link below:

<https://nebraskasynod.org/event/mental-health-first-aid-2/2024-10-14/>

## 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!

## Cards with Friends

Thursday, October 3

2:00 PM

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of the month for a time together playing cards. Bring a snack to share if you would like. All are welcome.

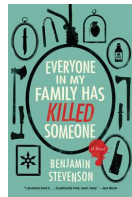


## KMLC Book Group

Sunday, October 13

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge



*Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*

by Benjamin Stevenson

Benjamin Stevenson is an Australian, who has a twin brother, and is a stand-up comedian and author.

This is an extremely entertaining whodunit that any reader of mysteries will find amusing.

The Cunningham family meets at an Australian ski resort for a family reunion to celebrate the release of Michael from prison. Ernest, Michael's brother, narrates the novel and serves as detective in solving the deaths caused by each family member, some good, some bad, and some unfortunate. Ernest attempts to tell the truth as he knew it.

The novel is written according to the "Ten Commandments of Detective Fiction" by Ronald Knox, 1929. At the beginning of the book, the page numbers on which the deaths occur are listed, and the author magically weaves the plot through twists and spoilers to the end. This is a hilarious murder mystery and not to be missed and will soon be adopted into an HBO series.

## Men's Lunch - Oktoberfest!

Thursday, October 17

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Join us in the Link for food, fun, and fellowship. Who knows what Jim will have on the menu (rumor has it that there could possibly be brats and homemade sauerkraut...) but it's sure to be good!

Please sign up by Tuesday, October 15 by calling the church office or emailing [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org). You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk. Bring a friend. Lederhosen not required.



## Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 28

(11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Kountze Memorial provides and cooks the turkeys for this dinner each year. We need 2 or 3 someones to help with cleaning the turkeys, cutting vegies, and getting the turkeys ready to go into the oven on the Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning before Thanksgiving. Working in the kitchen is always fun and a great way to get to know others that you may only see on Saturday or

Sunday while at church. Please let Jim Smejkal ([jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org)) or the church office know if you're able to join us in the kitchen.

A sign-up sheet to help set up, bring pies, or serve on Thanksgiving will be in bulletins in November.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



## Sunday School

10:10 AM

Ages 2 years-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Sunday School Rooms where the children will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others through art, games, science, storytelling, cooking, and missions.

## Children's Sermon



9:15 AM

Grades K-4

Following the 9 AM Children's Blessing, children not wanting to participate in Choir, may join Kristin Boe for a children's sermon in the Upper rooms. The children will return to their seats in time to receive communion.



Sundays, 9:15 AM (following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Sunday School Music Room  
Grades K-6

## Confirmation Classes Continue

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (93rd & Dodge)

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays

6 - 7:15 PM



## Haunted House & Fellowship Night!



Sunday, October 13

High School & Young Adults

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!



## Carol Joy Holling Camp

Elementary Age Students

Saturday, October 5

9 AM

**Cost: \$25 per camper (includes meals)**

Explore! Day Retreats for elementary students is a chance for young campers to get out and enjoy camp in one compact and fun day. In addition to Bible study and worship, the children will be experiencing many favorite camp activities together as they share in fun and fellowship. Every Explore! Day Retreat is different, so first-time and long-time participants can both join in the fun as we focus on environmental education, fellowship, and faith! If you have questions about the Explore! Day Retreat, please contact our Youth Programs Specialist, Laura, at [LStalder@NLOM.org](mailto:LStalder@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544. For more info or to register, go to:

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

## First Communion Classes

October 13 or October 20

12:15 - 2:00 PM (following the 11AM service)

**A light lunch will be served.**



Unlike previous years, you will have a choice of Sundays to attend class and the entire lesson will be taught at that time. Lunch will be provided.

Recommended age for taking the First Communion class is around 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, or if your child has shown a curiosity about what it means to take Communion.

First Communion will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the 9 AM Worship service. Students will then be recognized at the Adult Forum.

For any questions, or to reserve your spot in the class, please email [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) or sign up at the Welcome Desk.



## Bible Sunday

October 27

9:00 AM

On Bible Sunday, we will be celebrating with children of various ages and grades - listed below - as they receive their own age-appropriate Bibles. Those receiving Bibles this year are:

- Children aged 2 and 4
- Children in 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Youth beginning Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Join us as we parade into the church with new Bibles and celebrate this exciting part of our Faith Formation.



- **In November**, the Sunday School will be gathering supplies for Thanksgiving Bags to assemble for the Kountze pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items such as cans of green beans and cranberry sauce, packets of instant gravy, plus boxes of mashed potatoes, and stuffing. Donations can be left on the tables outside of the Sunday School office. Thank you for considering donating to this worthy cause.
- **Friday, November 15**, Intergenerational Trivia Night beginning at 5 PM with a pizza dinner and games to follow.
- **December 1**  
Advent Fair
- **December 15**  
Children's Christmas Program



**Friendsgiving**  
Grades 7-12, College  
Youth, and Young Adults  
Sunday, November 10  
5:00 PM

Pease join us for our Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner! Invite your friends to join as well! We will depart from the church at 5 PM and plan to return by 8 PM. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, November 3. You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!!



# CALENDAR

 O.C.T.O.B.E.R.

**October 1 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**October 2 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**October 3 Thursday**

2:00 PM Cards with Friends

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**October 4 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**October 5 Saturday**

Homebound Communion

9:00 AM Explore! Day Retreat (gr. 1-6)

Camp CJH

10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals @

St. Cecilia Cathedral

5:00 PM Worship

**October 6 Sunday**

Pentecost 20

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

12:15 PM Worship Assistant Training

**October 7 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 8 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:30 PM Youth Committee

**October 9 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

7:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi @ Trinity

Episcopal

**October 10 Thursday**

Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Worship Committee

**October 11 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**October 12 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**October 13 Sunday**

Pentecost 21

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

10:10 AM Worship Assistant Training

12:15 PM Book Group

12:15 PM First Communion Class

5:00 PM Youth/Young Adult Haunted

House & Fellowship Night!

**October 14 Monday**

Columbus Day (Observed)

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 15 Tuesday**

Good News Deadline

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

**October 16 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

**October 17 Thursday**

11:30 AM Men's Lunch - Octoberfest

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

**October 18 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**October 19 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**October 20 Sunday**

Pentecost 22

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

12:15 PM First Communion Class

**October 21 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 22 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Circle 3

**October 23 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

**October 24 Thursday**

Wedding Rehearsal

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**October 25 Friday**

Eastman & Landkamer Wedding

5:00 PM Pantry

**October 26 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**October 27 Sunday**

Reformation - Wear Red

Bible Sunday

First Communion

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

**October 28 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

11:30 AM Endowment Board

**October 29 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**October 30 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

**October 31 Thursday**

Halloween

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

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

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







1. Meghan Gunia, Mason Szymczak, Larry Camenzind, Heather McShane, Duane Hovendick, Steven Lamphere
2. Rodney Edwards, Ardell Hobscheidt
3. Neal Von Seggern, Lois Reinke, Cody Hiatt, Dana Boden
4. Gail Durbin, Brian Reilly, David Clarke, Joshua Burt, Emilia Dietrich, Nicole Peterson, Jack Wiese
5. Tony Gustin, Diane Rasmussen, Angela Carlson
6. Carly Costanzo
7. Kathryn Geiger, Molly Ohm, Corinna Osborne, Mary Fike, Ken Kendall, Julie O'Doherty, Stephanie Stephens
8. Greg Classen, Gary Bannick, James Gleason, Roger Waller
9. Tina Broekemeier, Carly Brown, Bob Danenhauer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Janet Mason
10. Charles Maaske, Myrna Esluer, Julie Dragon, Sophia Dragon, Barb Nissen
11. Dori Harshbarger
12. Warren Cooke, Shayne Fili, Samantha Kooienga, Michael Vutov, Ruth Martis
13. Nathan Hagge, Carmel Sieberson, John Martens
14. Bob Fonda
15. Ryan Kosola, Emma Link, Suzanne Choiniere, Amy Dyer
16. Antonio Costanzo, Julee Schroeder, Sarah Kellams, Keith Jansen, Kenneth Bailey
17. Elizabeth Morse, Rick Hagge, Steve Coufal, Thomas Nippert, Hunter Myers
18. Linda Rosenberg, Ryan Gardner, Jonathan Fischer, Marilyn Oldaker, Dawn Hiatt, Robert Matuszeski
19. Matthew Hagge, Marie Clymer
20. Lin Sheely, Jon Natvig, Robert Ranney, Dave Klug, Allison Russell, Ranae Gardner, Lisa Bladt
21. Sarah Brumfield, Jim Comfort
22. Misty Parker, Anna Kotula, Gena Reynoldson, Isaac Russell, John Sarich, Sydney Theisen
23. Olivia Baker, Brad Madison, Ryan Miller
24. Ron Frykberg, Cat Fonda, Emily Christensen, Vicki Siderewicz
25. Dean Bard, Mark Kidder, Jon Vawter, Jorge Valquier-Cruz, Lindsey Natvig
26. Jennifer Misbach, Caden Sievers, Amanda Schneiderman, Courtney Cameron, Alicia Brommer, Mary Jane Petersen, Juan Menchaca
27. Cody Senn, Catherine Christine Zinnecker, Annette Worley, Teri Meyer
28. Jonathan Sarich, Dana Spier, Paul Sum, Paul Swanson
29. Margo Ward, Ted Greguska, Melissa Walker, Robert Sundell
30. William Fogle, Chel Hrdlicka
31. Steven Hirsh, Lynne Mosiman, Mary Taylor

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 8/1/2024.....	\$894,273.44
Principal Payment, 8/1/2024 .....	\$2,761.86
Interest Payment, 8/1/2024.....	\$2,943.14
Balance, 9/1/2024 .....	\$ \$891,511.58

## Finances: August, 2024

	<i>August</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 56,215.14</b>	<b>\$ 650,920.83</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support:	\$ 6,666.66	\$ 53,333.34
Christian Education:	\$ 546.16	\$ 3,388.38
Facility Costs:	\$ 20,929.38	\$ 116,102.13
Staff Compensation:	\$ 52,927.56	\$ 477,445.45
Worship & Music:	\$ -0-	\$ 23,875.66
Parish Life:	\$ 1,403.69	\$ 19,550.06
Youth:	\$ -0-	\$ 1,247.06
Office & Administration:	<u>\$ 1,855.14</u>	<u>\$ 31,104.84</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 84,328.59</b>	<b>\$ 726,046.92</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/>

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The month of Reformation invites us to not just consider how God might be calling us to be formed and reformed, but also to ponder how God might be inviting us to cultivate grace. Paul writes, "For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption of Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:22-24, NRSV). Grace is a gift of God that we cannot earn or ever deserve, but that is given freely. It embodies the gifts of life and salvation which are pure gifts too. As we continue to cultivate love, God might also be inviting us cultivate grace through reconciliation and continued community connections. What could this look like in your context?

Questions for Reflection:

- In what ways have you seen and experienced God's grace made real for you?
- How might we, be being invited to cultivate grace? What might this look and feel like?
- How might God be inviting us to cultivate grace through reconciliation and continued community connections (especially in a month leading up to an election)?
- "Cultivating Grace" obviously connects with Reformation Day. But in what other ways might it connect with some of the core practices, values, and understandings of who we are as God's people.
- The October calendar includes Harvest time, Indigenous Peoples Day, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Nebraska Synod Fall Leadership Gathering, and Reformation. What ways might we cultivate grace through these dates and observances?