

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Can we talk about hospitality for a moment? I sometimes say that there are at least two manifestations of the gift of hospitality – first, are the people whose homes are flawlessly decorated for the season, have the right chargers to match the fine china, and special hand towels in the bathroom. These are people who can create their own beautiful charcuterie boards. They probably don't even have to google how to spell charcuterie. I do not have this version of the gift! In me the gift of hospitality looks like genuine gladness to welcome you into my home or office or calendar when you need the time and attention the most, even if my world is a bit of a hot mess (spoiler alert – it will probably be a bit of a hot mess). It means offering you whatever I can give you on mismatched plates, but always having something to share. Need somewhere to go for the holidays? Join us. You are welcome – truly. It's a gift I was taught by my parents modeling and, while I often wish I had the other version, I have learned that **the most important part of being hospitable is that the welcome be genuine.**

Hospitality is central to my faith. **Hospitality starts at the font and table – in God's own radical welcome of us.** In baptism God makes promises to us, welcomes us, claims us as beloved, before we are capable of our own promises in response. God's hospitality to us is the heart of our worship liturgy as we come to the altar where Jesus offers us his own body and blood, and the Spirit's power is poured out upon us. **Life is breathed into us through the welcome, the hospitality of God – and we in turn are made into the body of Christ, the hands and feet of God sent out into the world to welcome and care for the stranger in need.** That is, after all, the root of that word "hospital" and "hospitality".

But what does any of it have to do with stewardship? Stewardship is simply recognizing that all that we have is gift, and we honor the Giver by spending those gifts – of time, of energy, of relationships and learning and, yes, finances – spending those gifts on the things that build God's Kingdom. **Mirroring God's fundamental hospitality to us in our generous welcome and gentle care for one another.** We need your gifts in order to do the work that God is calling us to together. As we continue to grow, especially among families, youth, and young adults, we need to expand our ability to extend this welcome to all. That means hiring more staff to support these vital ministries. But we are also facing a budget shortfall this year, and we need your support to meet these needs.

Just as the gift of hospitality looks different in each of our homes, so does the giving we are called to. Whether your gift comes from abundance or sacrifice, whether it is a gift of time, a gift of money, a gift of specific skills and experience, or all of the above, your gifts are an essential part of the welcome we offer as a congregation. In the next few weeks you will be receiving a pledge card and Time & Talents sheet. I invite you to start now prayerfully

considering how God is inviting you to share your own gifts to participate in our ministry here at Kountze Memorial. **What and how you give is entirely between you and God,** and we are deeply grateful for whatever you offer. Every gift matters, and together, they allow us to wholeheartedly embrace the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Gratefully,

Pastor Lucy

LOVE deeply. BE hospitable.
SERVE one another.
-1 Peter 4:8-10

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). 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.

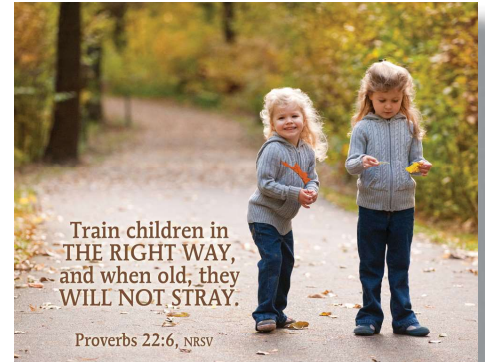
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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.

- Nov. 3: Consider All Saints
Nov. 10: 165th Anniversary Presentation
Nov. 17: Getting Ready for 1,700th Anniversary of Nicene Creed
Nov. 24: Fellowship

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Christian, Jewish, Muslim

Sunday, November 24

6 PM

Hosted by and Held at Kountze Memorial

Let's join our interfaith siblings and give thanks to God!
A cookie & coffee reception will follow.

Pastoral Acts

(September 16 - October 15, 2024)

Baptisms:

Nathaniel Blake Wurdeman, October 6

Marriages:

Maddy Miller & Joe Woster, September 28

Funerals:

LeClare Steffan, September 20



Sunday, November 3

12:15 - 1:45 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.

New Members



We welcome these new members into the life and ministry of Kountze Memorial. The following people joined our congregation on October 6.

Our next New Member Class will take place in January.

We welcome:

Jim Akers
Melissa Carlberg, Nathan, Samuel, & Elizabeth
Paul Frerich
Jeremy "JD" & Julie Hoogestraat
Andy Sifers & Amanda Saxen
Brent & Dana VanScoy

Advent Meals

December 4, 11, and 18

Lunch: 11:00 AM – Noon

Supper: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Advent lunches and suppers 2024 are just around the corner:

- Please mark your calendars and join us for Advent meals, there will be three meals this year.
- Bring your family, friends, neighbors, or call your church friends and meet at Kountze for lunch or dinner. Maybe you met someone new at coffee and cookie hour, give them a call and invite them.
- We will also have a vegetarian option at each of the meals.
- All meals are free will offering and served with choice of coffee, water, or tea.
- We can always use volunteers to help with prep, serving, or clean-up. Please sign up at the welcome desk or by emailing jim@kmlchurch.org



come grow with us!

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



The Kountze Pantry is collecting gloves for men, women and children. Men's large and extra large gloves are especially in short supply. Also, we will accept and distribute new or like-new coats to our Pantry guests if they request them. You may leave your donation in the box marked

"Food Pantry", located in Fellowship Hall. Tax deductible slips are located on the box.

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 - 9/30/2024)

Income:

Grants	\$	-0-
Donations:	\$	32,336.79
Memorials	\$	1,935.00
	\$	34,271.79

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	-0-
Regular Expenses		
Aldi	\$	-0-
Costco	\$	2,998.67
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	3,469.57
Hy-Vee	\$	-0-
Dollar Tree	\$	205.44
Family Fare	\$	5,324.88
Food Bank	\$	-0-
Walmart	\$	7,614.41
Sam's Club	\$	520.49
Other	\$	2,266.22
	\$	22,399.68

Balance \$ **11,872.11**

Save the Date

GivingTuesday December 3

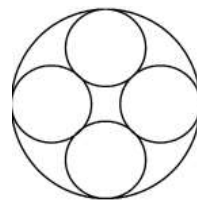
Let's celebrate what we can do in just 24 hours!

You are invited to join in the biggest local giving day of the year. It is time to start thinking about what nonprofits and causes you will support and we invite you to learn more and give to Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center and help us Feed the Hungry, Heal the Sick, and Tend the Soul. There are many local nonprofits who also participate in this amazing day of generosity.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Mark your calendars to give on December 3.

Please see #GivingTuesday402 or <https://shareomaha.org/> to learn more.



Thanksgiving Bags Sunday, November 17



The Sunday School students will making Thanksgiving bags for the Pantry guests. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items such as:

Dried Stuffing Mix	Dried Mashed Potato
Turkey Gravy Packets	Canned Yams
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Pumpkin
Canned Beans	Canned Corn

or any other Thanksgiving favorite you may have.

In addition, we are collecting **grocery store paper bags** to reuse for this project. Please leave the donations in the basket on the welcome table or upstairs by the Sunday school office.

Alternative Gifts

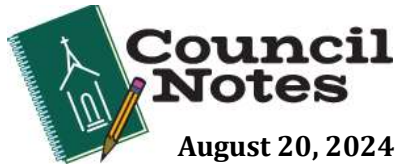
November 24, December 1, 8, & 15

We will again have the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and give a gift that shares God's love and truly makes a difference in someone's life. Honor your family and friends with an Alternative Gift this Christmas.

This year there will also be some physical items for purchase. Watch the bulletin and e-news for more information.



NEWS & Notes...



Pastor Wynard called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Pastor Wynard led devotions. The principal topic of the devotions was chapter 3 of the book, *Leading Faithful Innovation*.

Faithful innovation is a process of learning new ways to embody Christian identity and to inquire to ourselves and others the question "What might God be up to?" while Chapter 2 of the book stresses listening to God, one another, and our neighbors. Chapter 3 stresses Acts. We are to act in the fashion of simple, repeatable actions as an experiment. Action experimentation requires listening and acting to discover how God is leading our church by trying something new. After this discussion, Pastor Wynard requested that chapter 4 be the point of emphasis of next month's discussion.

The meeting agenda was accepted. The minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting were approved.

Discussion centered around committee reports (especially stressing the areas we are looking to grow). Lara McCormick and Bruce Nissen reviewed events involving the Worship and Music Ministry. Short reports were provided by the Faith Formation Ministry, the Membership Ministry, and the Community Engagement Ministry. Other reports were received from the Facilities Ministry, the Leadership Ministry, and the Finance Ministry.

Tim Backora reported that August had receipts of \$56,000 and expenses of \$84,000. August's income was a negative \$28,000. For the year 2024, we are a negative

\$75,000 compared to a negative \$38,000 at this same time last year. He also pointed out that decreased giving was the cause of the yearly change. However, he also pointed out that donations to the church usually increased significantly in October, November, and December.

Tim also reported that implementing the church's new database, *Realm Church Management Software*, will allow for better overall tracking of the church's finances.

On October 3, 2024, a workshop for the staff will be held. This workshop will help delineate the assessment of staffing needs, mechanisms by which volunteers can be involved, and what congregational activities need reassessment. It is recognized by everyone present that our need for an associate pastor is critical. It is critical because the workload that Pastor Wynard and Pastor Hall are now undertaking is potentially overwhelming. The Ministry Site Transition Team is working diligently to resolve this.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Endowment's role in church funding.

The new member class has six or seven new members and is being led by Colleen (Cookie) Lenners, Lara McCormick, and Pastor Hall. A reception for the new members is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2024.

There was a discussion regarding Stewardship. Mechanisms will be developed that will allow members to inform the Council and other appropriate individuals about the areas in which they would be interested in serving as volunteers. Jennifer Bunge, Mattie O'Kane, and Jerry Fischer will be evaluating what mechanisms to use to accomplish this.

Dates of importance mentioned: November 3, 2024 – All Saints Sunday and November 17, 2024 – Pledge Sunday. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 8
9 AM–1 PM

Kountze Memorial will host a Blood Drive this Advent. We need 30 to sign up in advance but there will also be room for "walk ins."

If you normally give blood, please consider giving here and sign up as soon as possible.

If you haven't given blood before or aren't on a regular schedule, this is a great time for you to consider giving at our Blood Drive and sign up as soon as possible.

By giving blood, you can save up to three lives in only one hour every time you donate.



Intergenerational Trivia Night



Friday, November 15
5 - 6 PM Pizza Dinner
6 - 8 PM Trivia

All ages are welcome to join us for Trivia.

We will begin the night with a pizza dinner. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Trivia will start at 6 and have a fun mix for all ages.

Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk. Bring a friend!

Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 28

(11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

St. Peter's Catholic Parish (709 S 28th Street)



The dinner is co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Preparations are under way and volunteers are needed to:

- help clean turkeys Monday afternoon
- donate pies/desserts;

- set up Wednesday at St. Peter's;
- serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal.

This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. **Join us, either to volunteer or as a guest;** all are welcome.

Please fill out the insert in the bulletin, contact Pr. Hall, or sign up at the Welcome Desk to volunteer. Monetary donations to help cover the cost of the turkeys will be most appreciated.

Blessing an Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree

In the German and Scandinavian traditions of Christianity, the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree became important symbols of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These symbols can also be important opportunities for families to pray together; to discuss the Christian message of the season, as well as to share family stories. Blessings and prayers (i.e., devotions) around the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree are common and available from many Lutheran resources. Here are two:

Blessing the Advent Wreath

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. All may make the sign of the cross as a parent/leader says:

☞ Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (☞) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read. These readings may be done by the children.

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**



With hands joined, a parent/leader says:

☞ Let us pray: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

(Whether done on Christmas Eve or when the tree is put up earlier).

With the family gathered, all may make a sign of the cross. A parent leader says:

☞ Let us pray: O God, who made this holy night [or, if done before Christmas Eve: this holy season] shine with the brightness of new light. Bless this tree which we adorn with lights to honor him who comes to enlighten us. Let us see in this tree your beautiful simplicity and humble strength. Let this tree remind us of our responsibility for the care of your good earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**



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!



Decorate for Advent

Saturday, November 30

9:30 AM

You and your family can be part of creating an inviting atmosphere that will inspire hope, love, joy, and peace in our community by helping to decorate for Advent. No special skills are required—just your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute to this joyful project. Join us!

Cards with Friends

Thursday, November 7

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.



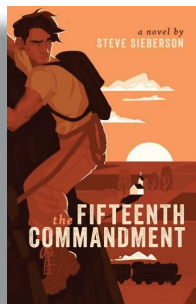
KMLC Book Group

Sunday, November 10

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

The Fifteenth Commandment By Steve Sieberson



Steve Sieberson is well known to the Omaha Community. He was a law professor at Creighton University for 18 years, retired in 2023, and moved to a small village on Puget Sound with his wife. The Sieberson's are former members of Kountze Memorial.

This is the third book written by Sieberson. It is a fictional memoir based on his personal experience as a teenager growing up in Northwest Iowa in a strict Dutch Calvinism farm community in 1965.

In the summer of 1965, a new minister came to Holland True Church with his wife and beautiful teenage daughter. Reverend Reynoud Van Royen was very strict and emphasized the Ten Commandments and added four more: no movies, dancing, card playing, or pop music.

Main character, Nick Baarda, and his three friends, Eazee, Witty, and Bud call themselves the Consistory. It is the summer before their senior year at the local Parochial High School. The boys are challenged to survive their final year of high school and develop a Fifteenth Commandment: "Thou Shalt be free" to explore the world and find freedom. Their goal is to leave after graduation and head for college. To achieve this, the boys encounter the themes of love, desire, friendship, betrayal, religion, rebellion, freedom, depression, and identity. The author wrote this as an entertaining story.

Men's 5th Annual Chili Cookoff Lunch

Thursday, November 21

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation: \$10.00



Call the church office or email jim@kmlchurch.org to sign up. Let us know if you will be entering a pot of chili or just attending. Cornbread and dessert will be provided. If you're entering a pot of chili the cost is free otherwise suggested donation for the event will be a new stuffed animal/ toy to be distributed by the Kountze food pantry as Christmas gifts for our young pantry guests.

Come vote on your favorite chili, there will be prizes for the top three and a great time of fellowship.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Blessing Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3

Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. If you've wondered how to volunteer to quilt for charity, look no further. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.



If you would like to help make quilts, we hope you will consider joining the sewing group on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9 AM. Sewing experience is a plus but not necessary. If you can use scissors, an iron, or tie your shoes, you can help make these quilts.

On All Saint's weekend, the quilts will be on display and we will bless the items that our quilt group made and the health kits WELCA put together for Lutheran World Relief.

The cost to deliver a quilt overseas is \$2.80 per quilt and \$1.50 - \$2.85 to deliver the different kits overseas. If you can help with the postage to send these items throughout the world, please place your donation in the envelope attached to the quilt in front of you. You can also donate directly to LWR by using the link below. Thanks for your help in getting the quilts and kits to those that need them most.

<https://tinyurl.com/26bu44te>

Newsletter from Rev. Bridget Gautieri ELCA Missionary Wittenberg Center Summer 2024

The summer is the height of tourist season in Wittenberg, meaning I have been busy meeting and greeting many US visitors here. The biggest event that happens in Wittenberg is Luther's Hochzeitfest, or Luther's Wedding Festival, which is celebrated each June. This summer was also my first Home Assignment visit of my ministry, which brought me to the US for 8 weeks to visit with the congregations that sponsor me. I had a wonderful time meeting so many of you in person! I will highlight those visits in this newsletter."

You can read the newsletter by using the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/3entn2j8>



Newsletter from Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson ELCA Global Personnel Arusha, Tanzania September 2024

The Swansons are missionaries that Kountze Memorial helps to support. The following is the first paragraph to us. You may continue reading by using the link below.

"Dear Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church,

Each day in the neonatal intensive care unit, tender moments are witnessed. A mother holding her small baby for the first time. A physician carefully listening to the rapid beating of a new heart. The assistance of a nurse helping support a baby's first breaths."

<https://tinyurl.com/bdezfrfz>

Candlelight Carol Service Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Saturday, December 14 Prelude begins at 4:40 PM Service 5:00 PM Reception Following Nursery Care will be Provided

We hope that you, your family, and friends can join us for this special service of sacred scripture and poetry, congregational carols, handbells, brass, organ, and piano. Please join us following the service for a lovely reception and time for fellowship.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Sunday School

10:10 - 10:50 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

During the month of November, we will be learning about how God provides us with what we need.

To begin the Sunday School educational time, we will be serving the students a hot breakfast upstairs. The kids can enjoy the same breakfast being served downstairs while listening to the lessons of the day.

If you would like to support the Sunday School with donations of juice boxes or individual milk cartons, we will be serving those with the breakfast.

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.

Children's Choir

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

2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room
Grades K-6

Following the 9 AM Children's Blessing, children are invited to join the Children's Choir with Barb Carlsen or join Kristin Boe for a Children's Sermon. Children will return to their seats in time to receive communion.



Annual Advent Fair

December 1

10:00 AM - Noon



Join us in making a variety of Christmas decorations including an Advent wreath, Christmas cards, an Advent prayer placemat, an ornament, and more. There will be activities for the children and a photo booth for all. This year we will be doing a Diaper Drive during the Advent Fair. Please bring diapers, wipes, formula, or other infant related items that we will donate to the local women's shelters.



Confirmation Classes Continue

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

(93rd & Dodge)

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays

6 - 7:15 PM



Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner

Grades 7-12

College Youth

Young Adults

Sunday, November 10

5:00 PM



Please 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!!

Christmas Party and Ice-Skating

Middle and High School Youth

Sunday, December 8

5 PM

More detail to come soon!! Save the date and plan to join us.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM

We are excited to hear our children sing and tell the story of Christ's birth. The children (grades Pre K-6) will present the Christmas story with music. Be sure to invite grandpas & grandmas, aunts & uncles, and any other special people your kiddos would like to have here. They always do a great job telling the story.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

November 1 Friday

Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Pantry

November 2 Saturday

Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Worship

November 3 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings--fall back 1 hour



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Homebound Communion
LWR Quilt Blessing
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Grief Seminar

November 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 6 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

November 7 Thursday

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

November 8 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pantry

November 9 Saturday

Landsness & Hackett Wedding
5:00 PM Worship

November 10 Sunday

Pentecost 25
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Book Group
4:00 PM OSJ Training
4:30 PM 2025 Mission Trip Info
5:00 PM Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner

November 11 Monday

Veterans Day
10:00 AM Pantry
5:00 PM KCCOC Board

November 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 13 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese
4:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

November 14 Thursday

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

November 15 Friday

Good News Deadline
5:00 PM Intergenerational Pizza & Trivia Night
5:00 PM Pantry

November 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 17 Sunday

Pentecost 26
Thanksgiving Bags
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

November 18 Monday

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

November 19 Tuesday

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

November 20 Wednesday

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

November 21 Thursday

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

November 22 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

November 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 24 Sunday

Christ the King
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
6:00 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service @ KMLC

November 25 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 26 Tuesday

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

November 27 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

November 28 Thursday

Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal @ St. Peters

November 29 Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

November 30 Saturday

Homebound Communion
9:30 AM Decorate for Advent
5:00 PM Worship

Advent & Christmas Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18

Lunch: 11:00 AM - Noon
Supper: 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Worship: 12:15 PM & 6:30 PM

December 24

Advent 4: **9:00 AM Only**
Christmas Eve: 4:00, 7:00, 11:00 PM

December 25

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

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

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





1. Myrt Hinrichs, A Jones, Cameron McCarthy, Sherry Nickel, Daniel Reeves, Cody Schramm.
2. Penny Matuszeski, Marilyn McEwan, Richard Nelson.
3. Danna Grinnell.
4. John McDermott.
5. Lora Sarich.
6. Kimberly Grassmeyer, Jane Kidder, Melissa Osentowski.
7. Patrick Kuehn, Corey Wagg, Tiffany Zaporowski.
8. Carol Herzog, Randy Rolfe, Wyatt Salmon, Angela Svacina.
9. Tyler Anderson, Shirley Dietrich, Pamela Duffield, Leslie Hartmann, Doug Heim, Paul Nippert, Carolyn Wheeler.
10. Robin Jones, Paulette Luetje, Katrina Venn, Tyler Willson.
11. Janette Catron, Scott Dixon, Timothy Snyder, Dean Vancaster.
12. Zeya Klemmensen, Deanna Lundin, Jameson McShane, Christina Raber, Dannika Rees, Jeanne Schramm, Claire Smock.
13. Anthony Jones, Kris Olson, Eleanor Ward, Diana Wilkins.
14. Sharon Anderson, Wyatt Debutts, Jeremiah Hashberger, Christopher Vawter.
15. Blake Gittler.
16. Ty Councill, Robin Ferguson, Christopher Fischer, Terri Krisor.
18. Kristen Freier, Hailee Kjeldgaard, Dwight Kurbis, Cole Schramm.
19. Vanessa Bang, Braden Bonacci, Antonio Costanzo, Linda Peltz, Lynn Schneiderman, Jeanette Sikora, Sarah Willson.
20. Ken Johnson, Garrett Zaporowski.
21. Jamie Catron, Justin Diggins, Paul Gittler, Bryon Line, Stacy Martin, Matthew Minturn.
22. Katharine Lefebvre, Derek Reichert, Sarah Reida, Carol Stoltenberg.
23. June Anderson, Paul Carlson, Kyle Johnson, Kent Rasmussen, Roberta Worm.
24. Benjamin Brinkman, Emma Chand, Tristan Johnson, Kyra Peterson, Doug Reed, Nick Wemhoff.
25. Damon Bartek, Nancy Kirkvold, Jacob Stier, Benjamin Svacina.
26. Dennis Beckman, Evelyn Fialho, Jeremy Lange, Kara Radwan.
27. Adam Arispe, Sean McLeod, Duane Retzlaff.
28. Walter Nash, Donna Reinig.
29. Benjamin Hinrichs.
30. Kay Bannick, Carl Englert, Stefanie Ervin, Katie Harshbarger, Josh Kellams, John Mertz, Debbie Robinson.

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 9/1/2024	\$891,511.58
Principal Payment, 9/1/2024	\$2,770.95
Principal Payment 9/1/2024	\$105,000.00
Interest Payment, 9/1/2024.....	\$2,934.05
Balance, 10/1/2024	\$783,740.63

Finances: September, 2024

	September	Year-to-Date
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 68,636.22	\$ 719,556.05
Expenses:		
Mission Support:	\$ 6,666.66	\$ 60,000.00
Christian Education:	\$ 1,012.17	\$ 4,400.55
Facility Costs:	\$ 14,692.46	\$ 130,794.59
Staff Compensation:	\$ 52,543.96	\$ 529,989.41
Worship & Music:	\$ 2,037.15	\$ 25,912.81
Parish Life:	\$ 3,086.37	\$ 22,636.43
Youth:	\$ -0-	\$ 1,247.06
Office & Administration:	\$ 2,595.07	\$ 33,699.91
Total Expenses:	\$ 82,633.84	\$ 808,680.76



Merry Tuba Christmas Concert Sunday, December 8 3:30 PM

Held at Kountze Memorial
Bring your friends, the concert is **free and open to the Public**. It should be a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

For those tuba/euphonium players who are interested in playing along, registration is at 1:00 PM with rehearsal at 2:00 PM. Bring your own music stand. There is a \$10 participation fee for all players. For more information, contact Nate Griffith at 402-980-6121.

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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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- Love is cultivated through relationships. Similarly, community is cultivated through connection and grace. In this month filled with big dates and observances, there is ample opportunity to gather as God's people together around a table for a meal and conversation, as well as in worship. These opportunities can undergird the cultivating of community through sharing gratitude with and for God and one another and embodying that gratitude through generosity as signs of God's abundant and generous love for us. These opportunities also provide an opportunity to have some deep and honest conversations with ourselves and others. Through such conversations, relationships and community grow and are cultivated.
- Questions for Reflection:
- In what ways have you seen and experienced God cultivating community around you and for you?
- How might God be inviting you to cultivate community?
- What are two or three ways that you will cultivate community this year?
- "Cultivating Community" builds on the prior months' themes. Given all of the things on the calendar this month, how might this month provide a chance to cultivate community together as God's people?
- The November calendar includes: All Saints Sunday, Election Day (and the results from election day), Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving, National American Indian Heritage Month, and the usual end of the harvest season. In all of this, how might we as God's people create community that is grounded in the community we are called into and are a part of through the Body of Christ together?