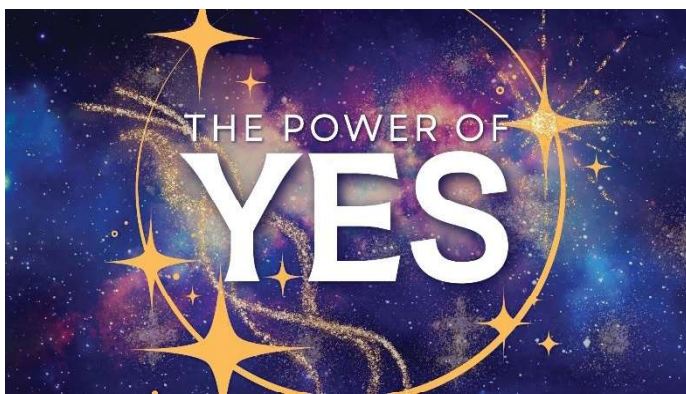


KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Last Sunday (November 16, in real time), I talked about December as that time of year when the world is almost aggressively cheerful and bright, and the church, observing Advent, is trying its best to hold together the tension – acknowledging the pain & brokenness of the world and our need for a Savior, and proclaiming the hope that God is near.

It may seem, at first glance, that our Advent theme this year leans more into that aggressive cheeriness and less into the tension and quiet waiting of Advent. But I think as we journey together this December we'll discover that "The Power of YES" can help us navigate two different realities: the holy longing of Advent and the frenzy of commercialized Christmas. In a world that seems increasingly full of conflict, and where our choices – about how we spend our time, where we spend our money, who and what we put our trust in –

are all increasingly under scrutiny, it can feel like we don't have much power to change those big forces in culture. We are simply at the mercy of the relentless currents around us. But "The Power of YES" invites us to learn from our ancestors in the faith.

The cast of characters in this Advent and Christmas story weren't power brokers and culture makers, at least not at first glance. They were simple people very much at the mercy of the powerful in their own turbulent, topsy-turvy time. But God invited them to a risky YES to God's plan. And, even without knowing all the details, they said yes to God. We come from a history of simple, faithful people who said yes. Through their acts of faith, God came near, and the world was forever transformed.

How do we discern what YES God might be inviting us to? What does it take to get to that YES? Why does it even matter that we believe? The story of Advent and Christmas is more than sentimental. As people of faith, it's a story that lives in our bones and invites us into what God is doing in our world today. It calls us to our own YES, and to the risks and rewards that come with it. It invites us to the manger – and to the awe, the sorrow, and the joy we find there. So join us – and invite a friend – to explore "The Power of YES" this Advent and Christmas season.

See you soon – and have a blessed Advent & Christmas season!

Pastor Lucy

Advent at Kountze Memorial
Join us for Worship on Wednesdays

December 3, 10, & 17
Worship: 12:15 & 6:30 PM
Lunch: 11:00 AM - Noon
Supper: 5:00 - 6:30 PM



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.



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.

New Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast Charts

The 2026 charts are up in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Be sure to sign up for your date(s) before they're gone.

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.

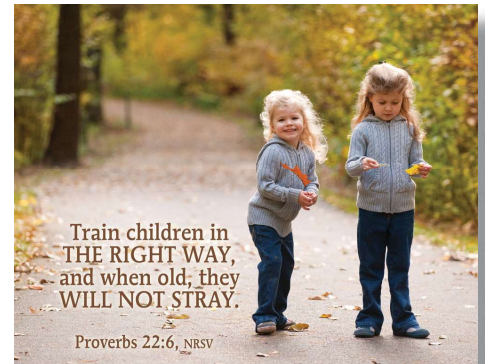
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$220 per week.

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.

Dec. 7: TBD
Dec. 14: TBD
Dec. 21: Fellowship
Dec. 28: Fellowship



New Member Classes

January 11 & 17

10:15 AM

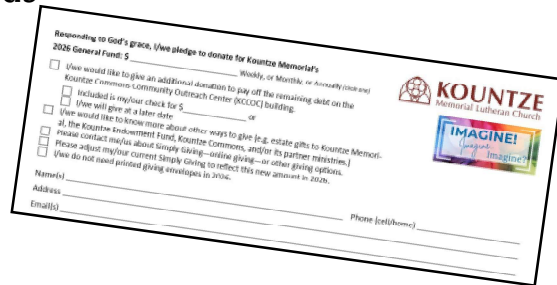
Considering membership at Kountze Memorial? Join us for our upcoming new member classes and learn more about becoming part of our church family. Both sessions are important,

so please plan to attend each one. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, January 25.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org. We're excited to get to know you! In the meantime, you're invited to worship with us and join in any activities that interest you.

Pledge Cards

You should have received a letter and pledge card in the mail for our Imagine stewardship campaign.



We are in a strong financial position, but as our outreach and hospitality continue to expand, we need your gifts & pledges to fund the staff and building resources we rely on for all our programs. If you haven't given regularly in the past, would you consider even a small monthly pledge this year? If you give periodically when you're here, would you consider switching to a regular online giving method?

Please bring those pledge cards back in December & put them in the designated box in the narthex or mail them back to the church office in the envelope provided.

Contact us with questions - we'd be happy to help. And THANK YOU for your generous gifts - they empower us, together, to do even more than we could imagine toward God's work in our community and around the world!

Missionary News

Bridget Gautieri
ELCA Wittenberg Center
Wittenberg, Germany



Read Bridget's Summer 2025 newsletter at:

<https://kmlchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Summer-2025.pdf>

Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson
ELCA Global Personnel
Arusha, Tanzania



You can find The Swanson's October newsletter at:

<https://kmlchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Swansons-Newsletter.pdf>

Kaitlynn Larson
Bogotá, Colombia



Katie Larson, one of Kountze Memorial's Seminarians, has been approved for ordination. Stay tuned for updates.

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



Any donations for our Pantry can be placed in the box marked "Food Pantry" located in the Fellowship Hall. Tax deductible slips are available on the inside pocket of the box.

If you would like to volunteer your time at the Pantry, please sign up using the link below.

We have options for volunteers of all abilities.

Please consider donating food, beverages, and hygiene products. Food items that are always in great demand are canned fruits, vegetables, chili beans, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, and soup. Hygiene items such as body wash, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and razors are always helpful.

If you have questions please feel free to reach out to Toby Rees at 402-979-1425, toby@kmlchurch.org, or any of the Pantry Board Members. Thank you for considering this important mission of our congregation.

<https://tinyurl.com/uausdddp>

Food Pantry Report

1/1/2025 - 10/31/2025

Income:

Grants	\$	-0-
Donations	\$	46,937.46
Memorials	\$	25.00
	\$	46,962.46

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	-0-
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Regular Expenses

Capital San. Supp.	\$	923.80
Family Fare	\$	717.25
MUD	\$	384.38
Other	\$	17,873.14
	\$	19,898.57

Balance \$ **27,063.89**

Help Us Collate the January Good News

Tuesday, December 30

9 AM



KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
GOOD NEWS

Come be part of the crew that puts together the *Good News*! It's a simple way to serve—and a great way to catch up with church friends and enjoy a delicious lunch while you're at it.

If you can join us, give the church office a call at 402-341-7761 by Tuesday, December 23. That way we can let you know if anything changes and know how many we'll have for lunch.

Thanks for helping us get the *Good News* out.

Sunday Breakfast – Come Lend a Hand!

Do you enjoy the smell of coffee brewing, lively conversation, and helping people start their Sunday with a good meal? The Kountze Breakfast



Committee is looking for a few more helping hands for setup and cleanup on Sunday mornings. We especially need volunteers on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month, and we're also looking for "subs" who can fill in when regular helpers are unavailable. You'll work side by side with experienced volunteers, learn the rhythm of the kitchen, and share in the fun and fellowship that happens behind the scenes. If you'd like to know more or try it out, please contact Sherri Labedz at 402-578-4331 and learn what it's like to serve in this simple but very meaningful ministry. Thank you for considering being part of the Sunday Breakfast team!



Art Show

Calling all Artists and Makers!

The Kountze Art Show will be held February 6. If you are artistically inclined, please considered donating a work for a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Group Mission Trip. Email kristin@kmlchurch.org for donation information.

NEWS & Notes...



Called to order:

6:03 PM - Welcome to Deacon Eric

Adoption of Agenda:

No adjustments required

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

No adjustments required

Financial Report:

Expenses were \$85,000 with \$65,000 earned bringing the year to date as -\$35,000. This is better than we were last year this time and we expect to be in black by the end of year. Requests for the budgets for next year by late November/early December. This will allow for Tim and Marsha to have time to look them over and possibly have a budget at the end of December/early Jan.

Old Business:

Council meeting the 21st and 22nd emails to follow up.
Youth director position taken by Sheila Valquier.
Discussion was had on how to engage the youth. Currently we are opting for less formal events to encourage camaraderie as well as planning more diverse things. Progressive dinners have been working well and if you have the space and or time to help it would be appreciated.
For young adults there was a discussion among some volunteers on how to create space and activities encouraging fellowship. Possibly be able to plan a potluck. Discussion then turned to how to encourage spaces for all to have fellowship outside of our usual weekly events.
The stewardship campaign is going well. We still need to find time to train on the Realm software perhaps sometime in Feb as we are in the midst of the holiday season.
The streetcar gas lines have been moving and the Harney street bridge is expected to be done by end of November meaning the Farnam Street bridge is expected to come down in December or January. There has been confirmation that we will be able to reach the parking lot on Farnam though it may be the farthest that will be open at times.

New Business:

We had a film company reach out on potential pro-bono work. We would like to use professional photos for our website.

Staff Reports:

Everyone was pleased that we had time to go over the staff reports and no updates regarding them.

Committee & Board Reports:

There are concerns with the food pantry with the stoppage of SNAP benefits. Numbers have been going up. With non-green card holders losing benefits after December there are concerns about continued food stresses in our community. Toby is implementing a Halal shelf for our guests that would prefer those options. We are in need of protein cereal and produce.

The endowment board was able to offer table grace 5,000, 10,000 approved for Nile Lutheran kitchen, 11,500 for global mission and 4,500 for holy cross.

KETV has been rebranded as Kountze Endowment Real Estate LLC. It is not yet official but it will be what we communicate out as.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjourn: 6:45 PM



Due Sunday, February 1

If you are responsible for a report in our Annual Report, please have them turned in to Debbie Bogue in the office no later than February 1. Reports are welcome—and preferred—anytime before that date. Thanks.



Advent Alternative Gift Market

Sundays, Now through December 14

9:30 - 11:30 AM

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.

Shop next door to the Kountze Café area beginning November 23.

- Shop ELCA Good Gifts for different opportunities to fight hunger and transform lives.
- Shop physical handmade gifts from Global Mamas that support women and their families in Ghana.
- Donate to the Kountze Memorial Healing Gift Free Clinic and/or our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry to help local families in honor of your family and friends.



Merry Tuba Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14

3:00 PM

Held at Kountze Memorial

The concert is free and open to the Public Bring your friends. It's 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.



Pastoral Acts

Oct. 16, 2025 - Nov. 15, 2025

Weddings:

Beth Hood & Michael Stoynev,
November 1

Dannika Rees & Takao Elliott,
November 15

Funerals:

Jane Meyer, October 18

Inclement Weather Policy

Just a Reminder This Winter



If Omaha Public Schools are closed or remote learning because of inclement weather, the church office will be closed and church activities will be cancelled unless otherwise announced.

Candlelight Carol Service

Saturday, December 13

Prelude 4:30 PM

Service 5:00 PM

The annual Candlelight Carol Service has become a beloved tradition at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church! We hope that you, your family, and friends can join us for this special service of sacred scripture and poetry, congregational carols, communion, choral, handbell, and instrumental music. Please join us for this special evening as we journey through Advent and celebrate the Birth of Our Savior!

Nursery care will be provided. Cheese and Dessert Reception following the service.



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



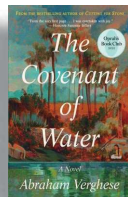
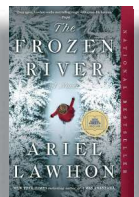
After the 11:00 AM service on Sundays, donated altar flower bouquets can be taken to hospitalized members, nursing homes, or care centers. This is a great way to brighten someone's day and to grow friendships!

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!

Cards with Friends

As the weather turns colder, our Cards with Friends group will take a cozy winter break. We'll look forward to gathering again in the spring for laughter, conversation, and a friendly game of cards. Until then, stay warm and stay in touch!



KMLC Book Group

No Meeting in December

There will be no meeting in December.

The selection for January, 2026 is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhorn. A head's up to start reading the February selection, *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, a

715 page book!

May you have a blessed Christmas and happy New Year.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, January 16

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

We won't be getting together in December but join the group again on January 15.

Be sure to join us on Wednesdays during Advent for worship and lunch or supper - yes, Jim is cooking.



Christmas Word Find

M	M	T	B	L	R	N	N	R	Y	J	Z	F	P	X	M	M	Z
G	Y	N	L	A	F	H	E	A	V	E	N	L	Y	H	O	S	T
W	N	R	M	S	I	N	M	R	L	S	H	Z	L	F	B	L	R
M	V	I	R	D	T	N	Y	O	E	U	H	K	R	N	V	R	K
E	R	Y	K	H	M	A	N	I	G	S	Q	A	E	C	A	E	P
J	M	E	R	D	M	C	R	V	N	N	N	T	R	R	L	J	V
R	D	M	S	O	X	K	Y	A	A	K	T	T	S	B	O	Z	M
P	L	X	A	I	L	M	J	S	I	N	R	W	A	S	R	E	F
G	O	M	W	N	A	G	X	N	P	T	E	T	E	Q	H	G	K
X	G	P	I	L	U	R	C	X	V	N	S	P	N	E	N	N	R
C	E	N	S	U	S	F	P	B	D	L	H	I	L	M	A	I	J
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W	L	C	E	T	K	G	G	G	T	E	L	R	M	W	V	D	L
D	X	R	N	F	Z	N	Z	R	B	N	Z	D	W	P	I	A	O
T	F	I	G	C	L	A	M	E	S	S	I	A	H	L	T	W	C
Y	P	N	T	M	M	M	Z	J	L	Z	M	D	Z	B	Y	S	K

This puzzle has hidden words from the Christmas Story. Search carefully in every direction - forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Can you find them all?

ANGEL
BETHLEHEM
CENSUS
EMMANUEL
FLOCK
FRANKINCENSE
GIFT
GLORY
GOLD
GOOD NEWS

HEAVENLY HOST
INN
JESUS
JOSEPH
JOY
KING
MANGER
MARY
MESSIAH
MYRRH

NATIVITY
NIGHT
PEACE
PRAISE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERDS
STABLE
STAR
SWADDLING
WISE MEN

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



Sunday School

10:10 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

Our 2nd floor Sunday School rooms are full of energy, creativity, and faith! Through storytelling, art, games, and mission projects, children learn what it means to live as followers of Jesus.

Breakfast is served upstairs so kids can eat while they learn. If you'd like to help, donations of juice boxes or individual milk cartons are always appreciated. Thank you for caring for our kids!

Note: There will not be any Sunday School beginning December 14 - January 4. Classes will resume on January 11.

"Noisy Offering"

Sunday, December 14

We will have a "Noisy Offering" competition between the elementary students, youth groups kids, and the adults. Save up your change and we will have containers to pour your coins into the appropriate space. All the proceeds will go towards the ELCA Good Gifts program.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14

9 AM

The kids have been working hard to learn some of your favorite Christmas hymns. Come learn about the story of Christmas as told by our students.

Children's Choir

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

2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room
Grades K-6

Join Barb Carlsen and friends for a joyful time of singing and sharing God's love through music! Children in grades K-6 are encouraged to come make music together each week as they learn songs of faith and praise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb in the church office at 402-341-7761.

Note: There will not be Children's Choir beginning December 14 - January 4. Choir will resume on January 11.



Confirmation Class

In lieu of regular class, confirmation students are expected to attend Wednesday services and meals whenever possible during the Advent season (December 3, 10, 17). Dinner starts at 5 PM, worship begins at 6:30 PM.

We will sit together as a Confirmation group to check in, do some highs & lows, and talk about Advent themes and meaning. If you are not assisting in worship, during service you may sit with your family or with other students

Students - please sign up for at least ONE service role, but not more than TWO (at least initially), so there are enough spots for everyone. If you sign up more than once, pick different roles to try! Please review the available roles below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! You can sign up online at

<https://tinyurl.com/2veujskb>



Sundays, 10:15 AM

Youth Center

Grades 7-12

You are invited to grab breakfast and a friend and go to the Youth Center each week during the Sunday Faith Formation hour.

Youth Progressive Dinner

Sunday, December 7

Grades 7-12

5-8:30 PM

Please join us for our Annual Progressive Dinner! Invite friends and plan for an evening of fun as we travel to host homes for our meal, and return to Kountze for dessert. We will depart from the church at 5 PM and plan to return by 8:30 PM. Please RSVP to Sheila Valquier at sheila@kmlchurch.org

KMLC Week at Camp Carol Joy Holling

June 7- 12/week 2

\$50 Early Bird Savings Until January 31

Join friends and other familiar faces for fun, faith, and fellowship with other Lutherans from around the state.



Kountze Memorial will cover the cost for any Kountze Memorial child/youth if you register by the January 31 Early Bird Registration date. If you register after this date, you will need to pay the additional cost. Kountze Camp Week is June 7 - 12, but you can attend camp whenever it is convenient for you. Check out the schedule for the different camp opportunities for grades K-12 as well as day camps and leadership training for high school-age youth and Special Needs camps. In order for the church to pay the fee, choose:

- to mail your payment,
- select "Pay items in Full"
- then "Pay by Check/Money Order"
- email a copy of the receipt to info@kmlchurch.org and we will submit payment on behalf of your youth.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the church office. To register, use the link below and follow the directions above:

<https://www.nlom.org/caroljoyholling/register/>

Summer Youth Mission Trip

July 6-12, 2026

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Early Bird Registration: \$750 until Dec. 31, 2025

Regular Registration: \$800 Jan. 1-April 1, 2026

\$50 Deposit required for registration

Cost includes transportation, meals, and lodging.



The Nebraska Synod Journey is a week-long experience for youth in grades 8 through 12 (completed 2025-2026 school year) and their adult leaders. In 2026, we will gather in Pittsburgh for service, learning,

worship, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in faith while learning from our neighbors in Pennsylvania. We will work as a team to raise funds to offset the cost. Presence and participation at fundraising events required.

Spots are limited - register now by contacting Shelia Valquier (sheila@)



December 3, 10, and 17

Lunch: 11:00 AM – Noon

Supper: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Advent lunches and suppers 2025 are just around the corner:

- Please mark your calendars and join us for one or all three meals this year.
- Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and meet at Kountze for lunch or dinner.

- We will 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 if you can help.

Note: Confirmation Youth are expected to attend Advent services and meals as part of their continued learning.

Tentative Menus for Advent Meals (lunch and dinner):

Wednesday December 3rd

Hawaiian (Polynesian) Chicken
Casserole
Roasted Broccoli
Diner Roll & Butter
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Wednesday December 10th

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Buttered Corn
Dinner Roll & Butter
Desert TBD

Wednesday December 17th

Roast Pork Loin
Cheesy Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll & Butter
Peach Crisp & whipped topping

CALENDAR

★ DECEMBER

December 1 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 2 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

December 3 Wednesday

11:00 AM Advent Lunch

12:15 PM Worship

5:00 PM Advent Dinner

6:30 PM Worship

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

December 4 Thursday

12:00 PM Circle 4 Potluck

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

December 5 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

December 6 Saturday

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

December 7 Sunday

Advent 2

Homebound 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 Café - Breakfast

9:30 AM Alternative Gift Market

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

5:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner

December 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

December 10 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group

11:00 AM Advent Lunch

12:15 PM Worship

1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese
Manor

3:00 PM Finance Committee

4:00 PM Executive Committee

5:00 PM Advent Dinner

6:30 PM Worship

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

December 11 Thursday

Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

5:30 PM Faith Formation Committee

December 12 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

December 13 Saturday

9:00 AM Christmas Program

Rehearsal

3:30 PM CCS Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Candlelight Carol Service

Prelude begins 4:30 PM

6:00 PM(ish) Alternative Gifts
Market

December 14 Sunday

Advent 3

Noisy Offering

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:00 AM Children's Christmas
Program

9:30 AM Kountze Café - Breakfast

9:30 AM Alternative Gift Market

10:10 AM Adult Forum

3:00 PM Tuba Christmas Concert

December 15 Monday

Good News Deadline

10:00 AM Pantry

11:30 AM Endowment Board

December 16 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

December 17 Wednesday

11:00 AM Advent Lunch

12:15 PM Worship

5:00 PM Advent Dinner

6:30 PM Worship

December 18 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

December 19 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

December 20 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

December 21 Sunday

Advent 4

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café - Breakfast

10:10 AM Fellowship

12:00 PM Youth Committee

December 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Circle 3

December 24 Wednesday

Christmas Eve

OFFICE CLOSED (at noon)

No 12:15 Worship

4:00 PM Worship

7:00 PM Worship

11:00 PM Worship

December 25 Thursday

Christmas Day

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 AM Worship

December 26 Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PM Pantry

December 27 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

December 28 Sunday

Christmas 1

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 Fellowship

December 29 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 30 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

9:00 AM Good News Assembly

December 31 Wednesday

New Year's Eve

No 12:15 PM Worship

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

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1. Becky Anderson, Marlys Duin, Soren Johnson, Kim Neville, Ashley Sum, Daisy Wynard
2. Dianne Bruckner, Kolbey Burns, Brett Nelson
3. Clay Cameron, Michele Eakins, Carol Gleason
4. Brett Bailey, Gary Clatterbuck, Troy Dougherty
5. Dale Broekemeier, Hailey Ingram, Jim Marcum, Alan Woster
6. Dale Ervin, Jerry Inbarasu, Aage Jensen, Nicholas Natvig
7. Arlene Hirsh, Delores Kocourek, Neil Stier
8. Tara Capellupo, Madison Duffield, Lowell Harms
9. Craig Hill, Jenny Johnston, Tyler Johnston, Renee Osborn, Norm Sack, Scott Saxton, Jeffrey Watts
10. Talen Costanzo, Sydney Kinish, Kirk Krisor
11. Robert Burt, Zachary Stoj
12. Edward Jenkins, Zachary Johnson, David Roethemeyer, Emma Ryder
13. Hal France, Sandy Lundholm, Melissa McDermott, Donna Moessner, Luke Woosley
14. Marjorie Andrews, Jim Camenzind, Margaret Day, Emily Drickey, John Georgeson, Madelyn Hinrichs, Tanner Klemmensen, Bill Pemberton, Susan Sanders, Tiffany Stienblock
15. Claire Bossman, Ryan Daugherty, Lori Grisso, Ronda Nelson, Jaya Winther
16. Gary Dietrich, Leigh Freeman, Jack Greguska, Gage Hansen
17. Carla Ohm
18. Carly Headley, Larry Jacobsen, Craig Johnson, Benjamin Williams
19. Charlie Campbell, Mark Meier, Corey Reimers
20. Andrew Darr, Rich Fogleman, Jamie Freier, Eric Rees, Sydney Ryan
21. Steven Hansen, Landon Putnam
22. Justin Bailey, James Bodnar, Torin Edwards, Julie Green, Lindsay Neill, Melanie Reida-Sample, Suzanne Schueler, Bev Troxel
23. Steven Duffield, Debra Larsen, Corey Lynch, Lynn McKeeman
24. Holly Bartek, John Groenjes, Charles Martis
25. Kathe Andersen, Carson Ohm, Ashley Rusch, Randy Titus
26. Ingrid Furby, Lara McCormick, Nancy Rodene, Holly Willert
27. Emilio Arispe, Tanya Kosola, Robert Nelson, Colleen Sorensen, John Waterman, Zach Zellmar
28. Kathryn Dean, Charles Misbach, Elizabeth Portrey, Leon Tuite, Joel Woosley
29. Shane Hallowell, Arthur Land, Linda Swartz
30. Monica Albers, Kara Di Lorenzo, Lauren Jackson, Benjamin Myers, Deborah Ricks
31. Jeffrey Baker, John Martin, Brianne Minturn

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 10/1/2025	\$694,264.51
Principal Payment, 11/1/2025.....	\$3,493.45
Interest Payment, 11/1/2025	\$2,211.55
Balance, 11/1/2025	\$690,771.06

Finances: September, 2025

	<i>September</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 70,110.17	\$ 813,824.95
Expenses:		
Mission Support:	\$ 5,833.33	\$ 58,333.26
Faith Formation:	\$ 550.11	\$ 16,708.02
Facility Costs:	\$ 18,415.85	\$ 166,163.12
Staff Comp. & Benefits:	\$ 62,009.74	\$ 534,225.50
Worship & Music:	\$ 6,085.93	\$ 47,397.29
Office & Administration:	\$ 3,454.25	\$ 35,025.35
Membership:	\$ 1,975.71	\$ 15,647.25
Finance:	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -
Leadership:	\$ - 0 -	\$ 3,833.01
Justice & Mercy:	\$ - 0 -	\$ 97.74
Total Expenses:	\$ 98,324.92	\$ 877,430.54
Total Net Income:	\$ (28,214.75)	\$ (63,605.59)

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Dn. Eric Haitz, Deacon

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

Celebrate with Us!

**Christmas Eve
Family Service,
4:00**

**Candlelight Services,
7:00 & 11:00 PM**

**Christmas Day
10:00 AM**

