

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

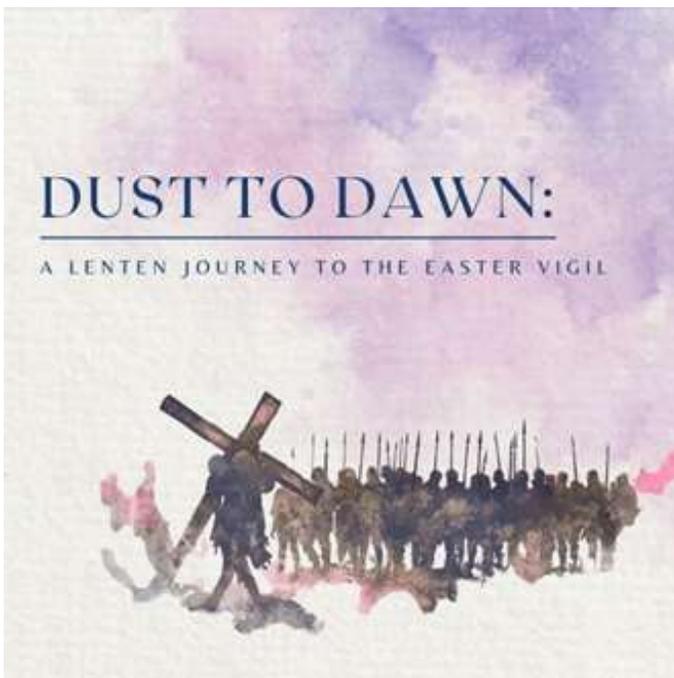
# GOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PASTOR



Well, it seems I have finally caught the cold that I was so proud to have evaded. It's the end of a long week, hopefully soon the end of a long winter... I'm feeling a little sorry for myself, a little tired, a little empty. In that spirit, Ash Wednesday resonated with me this year. I was grateful to be reminded that the whole point is to drop the act, the smokescreen of professionalism and achievement, and acknowledge that emptiness. I am dust. <<Deep sigh>>

Thank you, Deacon Eric, for the honesty in your sermon to launch us into this season. And for the reminder that there are other truths in this Lenten journey for us to cling to as well - it is true that we are dust, but it is also true

that we are made in the Imago Dei, the Image of God. Our bodies, frail and fragile, also bear Christ into the world. His glory, his suffering, his compassion, his righteousness. His death - and his life. This year our Lenten theme will take us through Scripture from Genesis - when God breathed that life into dust to create us - to the empty tomb, with the sunrise of resurrection dawning over the darkness of death. The stories we read this Lent, and again together at the Easter Vigil, are the stories that remind us of those deep, juxtaposed truths. They are our family album, the narratives that tell us who we are, whose we are. And, as a pastor - but more as a mother, a wife, a daughter, a friend... a person feeling the grief and exhaustion of a heavy world and my own complicitness and complacency - I look forward to learning new truths in these familiar stories.

We also read a lot of Romans this Lent (and throughout this lectionary year). It's a tough book to digest - so this week I went back and read, and reread, chapters 4 & 5, which we are hearing in worship in the coming weeks. The verse that grabbed me are the ones the lectionary leaves out (for some inexplicable reason?) - Romans 5:20: "The law came in, so that the trespass might increase, but where sin increased, **grace abounded all the more...**" Occasionally the Holy Spirit hits me over the head with things - grace abounded all the more. I am empty - but what a perfect way to begin Lent. For where there is emptiness, brokenness, confusion, hurt, hopelessness... God's grace overflows. Filling us up. Lifting us up.

Blessed Lent to you all - may Grace Abound!

*Pastor Lucy*

# WORSHIP *with us...*

## Worship Times

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all three weekend liturgies which use resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM; Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

The 9:00 AM liturgy is broadcast on Cox Cable Channel 13 and is also live-streamed and archived on our website ([www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org)). The Sunday bulletin is available on our website.

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings from 8:45 AM until 12:00 PM as well as other Occasional Special Church Services.

A brief, spoken Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Rotunda. During Advent and Lent these services are in the Sanctuary.



Photo by Jake Madison

## Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream

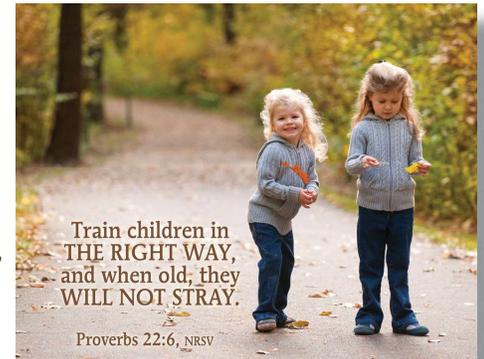


Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

website. Go to [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org) and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

## 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.



Train children in  
THE RIGHT WAY,  
and when old, they  
WILL NOT STRAY.

Proverbs 22:6, NRSV

## Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast Charts

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.



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# GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

## Adult Forum

- March 1: Fellowship [note: this is the Sunday of the Guided Liturgy and Worship Training afterwards]
- March 8: Variety of Liturgies for Worship
- March 15: "Why Do We...?" Some Worship Elements Explained
- March 22: "What More Would You Like to Know about Worship?"
- March 29: Fellowship (Palm Sunday)

## Wednesdays in Lent Wednesdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25



Worship: 12:15 & 6:30 PM

(6:30 PM is livestreamed)

Lunch: 11:00 AM - Noon

(free-will offering)

Supper: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

(free-will offering)

## Please Remember

- There is no Kountze Memorial parking in the lot on the South side of Farnam. That is apartment parking only.
- No parking Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM in the Methodist Clinic parking lot.

You may park in the deFreese Manor parking lot, at the meters (must pay), or in the West parking lot.



## New Member Classes

April 12 & 19

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, April 26.

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.



Worship Workshops  
Sunday, March 1  
Noon-1:30 PM (light lunch served)

Saturday, March 7  
3:00-4:30 PM

Please RSVP  
to the church office

If you are a member of one of our weekend worship assisting teams - Ushers, Altar Guild, Lectors, Communion Servers, Media & TV, etc. - OR if you are interested in learning more about volunteering in worship, come to our Worship Workshop. We will spend time in these individual teams reviewing the very practical how-to's and updating you on any new/revised practices. Note: two time slots are offered - the same workshop will be offered at each, but you are welcome to come to both and go to different break-out groups.

Why not join Altar Guild with these ladies and be part of the fun?

Call the church office or sign up at the Welcome Desk to reserve your place.



*come grow with us!*

# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



Our neighbors are feeling the pinch of increased prices for basic necessities such as food and hygiene items. The Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry in Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center helps fill the shopping carts

for those in need. Help us fill more shopping cars by

donating food and hygiene products to the pantry. What should you donate? Anything you would buy for yourself or family at the grocery store. Basic food items such as peanut butter, flour, sugar, maseca, soup and cereal are always helpful. Hygiene products such as deodorant, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and condition, wipes and dish soap are needed as well. If you are not able to shop, you can also donate funds to be used to purchase items for the pantry such as milk, eggs and protein. Volunteering in the pantry is a great way to get to know others in our congregation and community. Sign up to volunteer by using the link below or contact Toby Rees at 402-979-1425, toby@kmlchurch.org or any of the Pantry Committee members. Help us fulfill our mission to "feed the hungry".

<https://tinyurl.com/uausddd>

## Food Pantry Report

1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026

### Income:

Grants	\$	-0-
Donations	\$	3,957.11
Memorials	\$	-0-
	\$	<u>3,957.11</u>

### Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	<u>-0-</u>
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### Regular Expenses

Walmart	\$	<u>396.34</u>
	\$	396.34

**Balance**                    \$            3,560.77

## Help Us Collate the April Good News

Wednesday, March 25  
9 AM



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 Monday, March 23. That way we can let you know if anything changes. Jim & his Lenten Meal crew will be serving lunch. Thanks for helping us get the *Good News* out.

## We Need Sunday School Teachers!



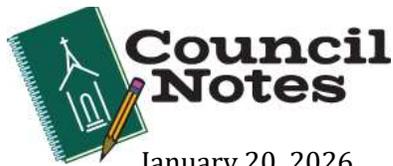
Please use the link below to sign up to help lead the youngest members for Kountze in their Faith Formation. All the

lessons are provided beforehand, scripted, and materials provided. Contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org for any questions you may have.

<https://tinyurl.com/8s4k6ax4>



# NEWS & Notes...



January 20, 2026

The meeting was called to Order at 6 PM  
Adoption of Agenda passed  
Minutes of previous meeting passed with changes of an additional remark that there was an executive Session to discuss Financials.

## Financial Report

Expenses \$117,000 net income \$21,560. YTD net income -\$48,000 (This is to be revised as we had accounted for all of a line item when in fact we only pay half and Kountze commons pays the other half). We took in \$9,000 less than last year but we had less negative YTD. We don't have a budget to present yet. We still need figures for insurance and retirement numbers. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had 111 returned pledge cards. We sent out about 300, so it is still difficult to get a picture of expected income.

Annual Meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> Budget meeting the 8<sup>th</sup>. This requires Approval by February 1 and will need at least 7 members to approve.

## Old Business

Basement water leak / fire suppression system

- We continued to have alerts from the air system. Installed new equipment. When asked if the system could fail the answer was yes. Jim is looking into a new/different approach.
- Documents have not yet been disposed of. They are currently locked up.
- 2025 Fall Council Retreat – Review homework

Three things were determined that we then broke out into sessions with.

### 1. Drawing new people in

- Have more events/fundraisers
- Do more things with the community.

### 2. Debt Reduction

- How do we communicate designated vs non designated funds
- Decide which parts of the budget need more communication

### 3. Communicating who we are

- Need to ensure that what people think we are communicating is the message that is getting across to people.
- Need to ensure that our social media is concise.
- Possibly do a podcast.

**Homework** for Council is to revamp our communication around how groups can request funds that we set aside.

**2026 Annual Budget** - tabling until zoom meeting.

**Omaha Streetcar Project** - Discussions on why the meters are hooded occasionally.

## New Business

### Neighborhood Needs Assessment

We want to know what the surrounding neighborhood needs. Lara is willing to have her students work in our neighborhood. The students would go out and collect statements from people, then create concise statements and finally have people rank the concise statements. This will give us more information from our neighbors.

**Staff Reports** accepted without any changes

## Committee & Board Reports

**Faith Formation:** Big push for summer camp.

**Mercy & Justice:** 7:30 Thursday night listening session. Ideas came from this follow-up needs to be done. People want to know if what is happening in Minnesota is related to what we should be doing in Nebraska.

**Food Pantry:** determined we need a pantry director. Met to discuss job description. About a 20 hour a week job.

**Worship & Music:** Marion Smith music fund - you can commemorate birthdays/graduations with donations.

Meeting adjourn at 7:19 with the Lord's Prayer

## February 2, 2026 at 7 PM - Special Session

Reviewed the proposed budget for 2026. The proposed budget was approved.



### Deadline to Apply: March 1

The KMLC Scholarship Program makes scholarship funds available to any eligible college-bound student member. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university or seminary may submit an application. Additional eligibility requirements are noted on the application. Applications can be picked up in the Youth Center, Church Office, or downloaded from the church website at [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org) and go to Grow

> Youth Ministries > Scholarships.

**Applications are due on March 1, 2026. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.** Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable and recipients must re-apply each year. Funds are sent directly to respective institutions. Submit your applications, along with supporting documentation, by mail to KMLC, Attn Scholarship Committee, 2650 Farnam St., Omaha NE 68131; in person to the church office; or by e-mail to [info@kmlchurch.org](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org)

## Camp Carol Joy Holling

### Heart of Camp Gala

Saturday, April 11

A View West Shores

110 S. 243<sup>rd</sup> Street, Waterloo, NE

5:30 – 10 PM

Save the date for Camp Carol Joy Hollings gala. The night promises fun, auction bidding wars (both live & silent), fellowship with friends, and great food. Bring a friend or two or a table's worth. The more the merrier. This year the gala features a fun theme & new ticket option. Do you have items to donate for the auction? You can fill out the Auction Donation Form by using the link below or email Allison at [Ablatchford@NLom.org](mailto:Ablatchford@NLom.org). More information on the night and to buy tickets, go to

<https://www.nlom.org/gala/>



## Table Grace Gala

Friday, March 6

6 - 9 PM

Livestock Exchange Ballroom

4920 S 30<sup>th</sup> St

We are personally invited to attend the Table Grace Café Gala. See the invitation to the left.

You won't want to miss this event - there will be amazing food, great auction items to help raise money for those who need a hand up, and entertainment.

For more information, to purchase tickets, sponsorship packages, or to RSVP, use the QR Code or email [cindy@tablegracecafe.org](mailto:cindy@tablegracecafe.org).



## Art Show

### Art Show Results

#### Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those of you who purchased items at our first Art Show. It was a great success and we're already looking forward to next year!

So far we have raised \$2,964 and still have a few remaining items which have since received bids on them, so we're not done yet.

Thank you again for your generous support. It means so much to the youth of Kountze Memorial.

## 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

Our Cards with Friends group is taking a cozy winter break. We 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!



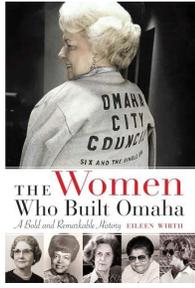
## KMLC Book Group

Sunday, March 8

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

*The Women Who Built Omaha* by Eileen Wirth



Eileen Wirth is a native Nebraskan, author and professor emeritus of journalism at Creighton University. She has written several books about Omaha and its history. In *The Women Who Built Omaha*, Wirth discusses women who influenced or started many of the features of the city since the founding of Omaha in 1854. These women had roles in education, health, culture, social service, politics, and business. Some of these women's achievements included starting Creighton University, developing city parks, and helping run Boy's Town. Some were athletes, bootleggers, and madams as well. This is a good way to celebrate Women's History Month and learn about the development of Omaha.

The author, Eileen Wirth, will be our guest and lead the discussion of this book at the March 8 meeting. Please join us and meet the author for an invigorating discussion. All are welcome!

## Men's Lunch

There will not be a Men's Lunch in March since that is during Lent and Jim will be busy in the kitchen on Wednesdays. Instead, join us for lunch, fellowship, and Worship on Wednesdays, February and March 18<sup>th</sup>.



## Sweat Pants Sunday

Kountze Young Adults (18–30's)

Sunday, March 8

12:15 PM

1 Samuel 16:7b "For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Young Adults (18–30s) are invited to come as you are, messy hair, don't care, sweatpants are a must! We'll be playing board games, card games, pool, air hockey, in our comfiest attire on Sunday, March 8, following the 11:00 AM worship service. We'll meet at 12:15 PM for pizza, conversation, and connection. Whether you're new or have joined us before, you're welcome to bring a friend and come as you are! All are welcome. Seriously, all.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



## Sunday School

10:10 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

The Sunday School hour begins with breakfast served in the upstairs Choir Room. The students take their meal

to their assigned classroom to enjoy. Our curriculum continues to follow the lectionary, providing easy talking points for families later in the week.

## 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.



on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd. Students in the second grade, or those showing a curiosity about Communion, are encouraged to attend. Please register with Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org).

## KMLC Week at Camp Carol Joy Holling

June 7- 12/week 2

Kountze Memorial will cover the cost for any Kountze Memorial child/youth. If you didn't register by the January 31 Early Bird Registration date you will need to pay the additional cost. Call/email the church on instructions so we can pay the early bird cost. Instructions are also in the weekly e-news.



## Order of Saint John Annual Training

Sunday, March 1, Noon to 1:30 PM - A light lunch will be

OSJ Training



offered for all Worship Assistants, so we need to know how many are attending.

Saturday, March 7, 3:00 PM to 4:30

PM - The OSJ Sponsors will provide a dessert, so we need to know how many are attending.

This year, the Order of Saint John

Annual Training will take place in conjunction with the upcoming Worship Workshops for Worship Assistants. Two dates are available, so you can choose which one works best in your schedule. Please select a date and let the OSJ Sponsors know by Sunday, February 22.

On behalf of the Order of Saint John, we would like to recognize John Groenjes for his dedication and faithful service as an Acolyte and Crucifer over many years. John is retiring at the end of February as an active member of the OSJ. When you see John, please thank him for his leadership and dedication to the Order of Saint John.

## Confirmation Class



Confirmation classes are on pause during Lent so our youth and families can participate in our midweek Lenten meals and services. Confirmation youth should sign up to help in the dining room or during our worship services via the SignUp Genius

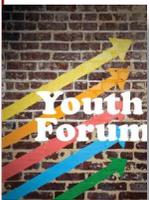
sent out. Contact Pr. Lucy or the church office if you didn't receive it. Regular Confirmation classes will resume in April.

Sundays, 10:15 AM

Youth Center

Grades 7-12

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to grab breakfast and a friend and go to the Youth Center each week during the Sunday Faith Formation hour.



## First Communion Class

Sunday, March 15

11:00 AM

A light lunch will be served for participants and their families. The student's First Communion will be held



## Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday

Following the 9 AM service

Join us in the Green Space (weather permitting) for this fun event. Children are encouraged to bring their Easter baskets to gather all their prizes.



## Service Fridays

Service Fridays were a big success last summer. Our Middle School members, and

friends, did many projects for the betterment of our church and community.

This year we are joining with other churches to provide even more volunteer opportunities in the wider community and the chance for fellowship with other congregations. The first Service Friday will begin on June 19 and conclude on July 31, with the exception of July 3. Students who have completed grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> are eligible to participate. Look for signups after Easter.

## Summer Youth Mission Trip

July 6-12, 2026

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**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@kmlchurch.org).

If you would like to help sponsor the trip, donations are welcome. You may give online or by marking your check/envelope "Youth Mission" and putting in in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!



OSJ Servers - Amanda Groenjes,  
John Groenjes, Dillon Picha



OSJ Servers - Grace Dey,  
Sheyenne Glasgow, Maddie Aubry

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 1/1/2026.....	\$683,824.31
Principal Payment, 2/1/2026.....	\$3,454.47
Interest Payment, 2/1/2026.....	\$2,250.53
Balance, 2/1/2026.....	\$680,369.84

## Finances: January, 2026

	January	Year-to-Date
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 101,164.35</b>	<b>\$ 101,164.35</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support	\$ -	\$ -
Faith Formation	\$ 287.16	\$ 287.16
Facility Costs	\$ 18,552.95	\$ 18,552.95
Staff Compensation & Benefits	\$ 64,854.84	\$ 64,854.84
Worship & Music	\$ 3,042.90	\$ 3,042.90
Office & Administration	\$ 4,042.02	\$ 4,042.02
Membership	\$ 1,193.38	\$ 1,193.38
Finance	\$ -	\$ -
Leadership	\$ -	\$ -
Justice & Mercy Ministry	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 91,973.25</b>	<b>\$ 91,973.25</b>
<b>Total Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 9,191.10</b>	<b>\$ 9,191.10</b>

# CALENDAR



## March 1 Sunday

Lent 2  
Homebound Communion  
Scholarship Application Deadline  
Guided Liturgy  
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  
12:00 PM OSJ Training/Worship  
Workshops

## March 2 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## March 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## March 4 Wednesday

11:00 AM Lenten Meal  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Meal  
6:30 PM Worship  
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## March 5 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## March 6 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 7 Saturday

Homebound Communion  
3:00 PM OSJ Training/Worship  
Workshops  
5:00 PM Worship

## March 8 Sunday

Lent 3  
Daylight Savings - spring ahead 1 hour  
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 Book Group  
12:15 PM Sweat Pants Sunday

## March 9 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## March 10 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## March 11 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
11:00 AM Lenten Meal  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Meal  
6:30 PM Worship

## March 12 Thursday

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

## March 13 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 14 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## March 15 Sunday

Lent 4  
Good News Deadline  
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  
11:00 AM First Communion Class

## March 16 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## March 17 Tuesday

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

## March 18 Wednesday

11:00 AM Lenten Meal  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Meal  
6:30 PM Worship

## March 19 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
6:00 PM Circle 5

## March 20 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 21 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## March 22 Sunday

Lent 5  
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

## March 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## March 24 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:30 PM Circle 3  
6:00 PM HGFC Board

## March 25 Wednesday

9:00 AM Good News Assembly  
11:00 AM Lenten Meal  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Meal  
6:30 PM Worship

## March 26 Thursday

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

## March 27 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 28 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## March 29 Sunday

Passion/Palm Sunday  
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

## March 30 Monday

Monday in Holy Week  
10:00 AM Pantry  
12:15 PM Worship

## March 31 Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:15 PM Worship

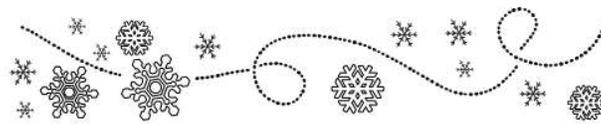
Schedule a time to meet with Pastor Lucy by following the link or QR Code.

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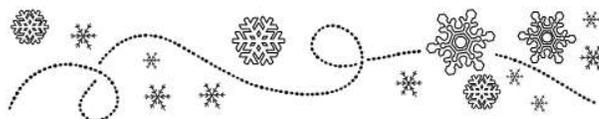
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2. Dylan Gammel, Gregg Loucks, Ryan Mulick, Barb Paris, Marce Picha, Matthew Salmon
3. Piper Schroeder, Lydia Theisen
4. Lois Denzler, Lynn Langer, Marisa McShane, Sharon Miley, Cydney Oliver, Taylor Woosley
5. Ashley Cavalieri, Jerry Fischer, Aiden Myers, Brian Rolfe
6. Bridget Fredrickson, Michael Lamphere, Joseph Lyons
7. Ryan Severson, Caleb Theisen, Angie Zambuto
8. Joel Fischer, Beverly Johnson, Justus Kucera, Dustin Kunkel, Cecelia Ward
9. Diane Burt, Erika Fili, Deb Kelly, Morgan Kreiser, Sharon Nelson, David Pfetzer, Drew Rasmussen, John Vaughan, Mary Yocom, Samantha Zellmar
10. Terri Gogetap, Linda Higa, Collin Johnston, Sherri Labedz, Jon Natvig, James Reichert, Mark Sullivan, Christian Thom
11. Sharon Arispe, Connie Jacobsen, Joanna Robertson
12. Adam Backora, Anna Kidder
13. Jason Hage, Kelsey Svacina, Nina Winther
14. Robert Ellison, Denise Hawkins, Kathy Preininger, Adam Studts
15. Sunshine Hansen, Zachary Hatcher, Randal Leclair, Jim McCarthy, John Sheely, Johanna Vacek
16. Caroline Bressman, Chelsea Chmura, George Ernce, Dan Troxel, Dana VanScoy, Michelle Willits
17. Tim Backora, Len Hansen, Ree Reimers
18. Alan Barrett, Audrey Klein, Michael Orris, Lois Sorensen, Kyle Storer
19. Thomas Gehringer-Steffen, Zachary Girthoffer, Tom Jensen, Karen Loucks
20. Kerri Adema, Osborne Eckhorn, Jason Klonglan, Jan Petersen
21. Samantha Furjanic, Bruce Gerhardt, Marie Kubat, Eric Reinholz
22. Kristy Boone, Naomi Kirkvold, Tamara Sladek, Brandon Sorensen, Laura Ulrich, Amy Wemhoff, Joshua Wendle
23. Carol Jenkins
24. Lawrence Bradley, Elizabeth Stieneke, Kaitlyn Tisthammer
25. John Bodnar, Alicia Diggins, Mike Edris
26. Myrna Carter, Bailey Gittler, Jessica Reed, Roy Segelberg, Carole Woodworth, Mickey Zellmar
27. Alexis Dragon, Brody Gunia, Katie Larson, Amaya McLaren
28. Kelly Bartek, Brian Ervin, Dylan Henneman, Andy Hinrichs, Terri Morrow, Andrew Reinert
29. Philip Meyer, Jacob Weiland
30. Cadyn Kocourek, James Pestel, Amy Pignatore
31. Carl Ekstrom, David Studts



## Snow Days 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.



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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  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# WORSHIP WITH US DURING LENT

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25

• **Worship: 12:15 & 6:30 PM**  
(6:30 PM is livestreamed)

• **Lunch: 11:00 AM – Noon**  
(free-will offering)

• **Supper: 5:00 – 6:30 PM**  
(free-will offering)

## HOLY WEEK

**Mon., Tues., Wed.,  
March 30, 31, & April 1  
12:15 PM**  
Eucharist in the Rotunda  
Chapel

**Maundy Thursday, April 2  
Worship: 12:15 & 6:30 PM**  
(6:30 PM—Worship &  
First Communion) (Nursery  
available, 0—4 years)  
**Lunch: 11:00 AM-Noon**  
(free-will offering)  
**Supper: 5:00 – 6:30 PM**  
(free-will offering)

**Good Friday, April 3  
12:00 -3:00 PM**  
Ecumenical Good Friday  
Service: Seven Words  
from the Cross (with Guest  
Speakers, String Quartet and  
Kountze Choir)  
**6:30 PM Tenebrae**  
(Veneration of the Cross  
and Service of Shadows)  
(Nursery available, 0—4  
years)

**Holy Saturday, April 4  
10:00 PM**  
Easter Vigil (Fire, Word,  
Water, Eucharist) (There  
will be no 5:00 PM Saturday  
service)

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
• 7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service in  
the Link

• **9:00 & 11:00 AM** Festival of the  
Resurrection (Nursery available)

• **8:00 - 10:45 AM** Easter Breakfast  
• **10:10 AM** Easter Egg Hunt (in the  
Green Space after the 9:00 AM  
service)