

## FROM THE PASTOR

My last newsletter article was on the major behind-the-scenes projects we'll be tackling this summer and into the fall at Kountze Memorial, especially ones centered around our communication in every medium. So I thought perhaps I would take this newsletter article to share with you some of my many mottos or sayings – **Pastor Lucy-isms**, if you will. I am a collector of short mottos that express deeper wisdom or truth in a quick & accessible form – when I want to remind myself or others of those truths. Over the years I have amassed a lot of them, but let me highlight for you some of the ones I say most these days. Many of these are things I learned in the real-life classrooms of living cross-culturally and/or being a foster parent. They are influenced by, but also deeply influence, my theology, my leadership, my own inner spiritual life.

The first few go together and help me keep the instincts of judgment and criticism a little more at arm's length – or at least, help me pause and consider my initial “gut” reaction to things, people, situations that are new, strange to me, outside of my life experience.

1. **“Normal is just a setting on the dryer.”** (And weird is a compliment in my book!) People are not normal or abnormal. Situations are not really normal or abnormal. Behaviors, gifts, choices... because all these things are contextual. My normal isn't someone else's normal – and their normal isn't mine. Even in my own home. This helps me approach people, differences, and uncomfortable situations, with curiosity and openness, with empathy and humility.
2. Closely correlated is one my mission training explicitly taught me when I was preparing to go overseas – we had a song about it and everything!: **“It's not right or wrong, it's just different.”**
3. And in parenting (and with our children & youth sometimes) there's another closely correlated one: **“Don't yuck on someone else's yum.”** In other words – you don't have to like it, but you don't get to pronounce something universally bad just because

you don't like it. As one church member said to me recently about how they handle it when they don't like something in the liturgy, or a hymn we sing, “I just figure that wasn't for me – it must have been for someone else.” It's okay to have preferences – especially when we recognize that other people get to have different preferences. It's the fun of diversity!

The next set were ones I really learned as a parent – not just about skills and attitudes I wanted (and still want) to teach my kids, but also about the broken world we live in and how I wish I could reform parts of it. Like our government, systems like foster care, and even the inside workings of denominations and congregations.

4. **“I don't care about blame; I care about responsibility.”** This one conveys that, when mistakes have been made and there's a mess to clean up, or a problem to fix, I'm much less worried about looking backwards and parsing out exactly whose fault it is, and much more concerned with knowing who is going to roll up their sleeves and work to figure it out and make things better. Yes, there's a helpful time and place for looking back, accepting fault, and making sure the same mistakes don't happen again. But mostly – let's work together to make things better!
5. **“Pick your battles... too many battles – put some back!”** This one I repeat ad nauseum to myself as a parent (okay, and pastor!). And fail at regularly. It's about recognizing my limitations, accepting that change is hard for all involved, and making sure I'm spending my energy (words, time, and other limited resources) on what truly matters, and what I can truly impact.
6. And as I discern which battles to pick – 2 other phrases help me figure it out: **“We don't get to make choices for other people.”** and 7. **“The only person I can control is me.”** This is part of recognizing human dignity in others – they get to make their own choices! Even when I am SURE it's a terrible choice; even when the consequences affect them negatively... even, often, when the consequences affect ME negatively. I don't get to make choices for other people. But I can control me. And that can be empowering – to focus on what I

# WORSHIP *with us...*

## Worship Times

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

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

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

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

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



## Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream

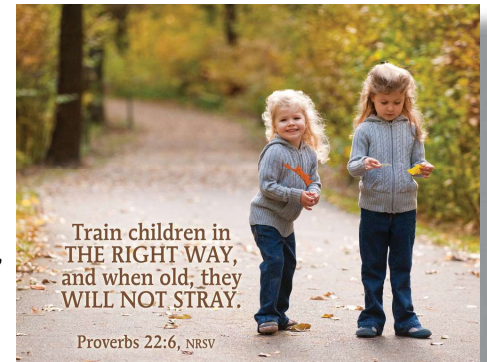


Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

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

## 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.



## 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.

While Pr. Hall is out of the country on sabbatical, Adult Forum topics for June and July are still being finalized. A report from those who attended Synod Assembly is planned for sometime in June.

Until then, we hope you'll still join us on Sunday mornings for breakfast and fellowship. Adult Forum topics will be posted in the Announcement Page and e-news as they become available.

## New Member Classes

**Sunday, September 20 & 27**

**10:15 AM**

If you are considering membership at Kountze Memorial, please join us in September for the next 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, October 4.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or [info@kmlchurch.org](mailto: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.



## Lifelong Learning Classes & Workshops

The Nebraska Synod invites us to journey through their Lifelong Learning Classes – designed for individuals of all ages and levels of expertise. Whether you're a rostered minister, a parish minister associate, a youth, youth leader, or an active congregation member, you will find an array of opportunities to deepen your knowledge, enhance your skills, and foster a strong sense of community.

Classes are held in person or on-line by zoom. For online classes, a link will be sent once you have registered. The cost of each class is \$25.

### Upcoming classes are:

#### Stewardship: Broken Open

- Starts 6/4/26, 4-week program, meets weekly on Thursdays from 12-1 PM CT online

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can control in my own thoughts, choices, behaviors, decisions, etc. I get to make my own choices, for better or for worse. And I thank God that when those choices are bad – I get second, third, sometimes forty-eighth chances to choose again, each new day.

Which brings me to a final one, for now. There are many others, particularly ones that are tied to pastoring and faith. Theological touchstones – but we'll save some of those for another day, or an upcoming sermon! But this one, this one is too foundational not to include:

8. **“There's grace for that.”** There's grace, enough grace – for the hard days, for the big mistakes, for the situations I have no idea how to fix, for the people who are beyond my understanding, and perhaps most of all, for me. There's grace. Abundant grace. Thanks be to God! Because while this life is full of joy – it's also full of really hard things. Grievances we cannot carry on our own. Mistakes and regrets that weigh us down. Decisions that are costly no matter what. Uncertainty and waiting and longing that feel impossible to wade our way through... There's grace for that. (And we don't have to do it alone!)

I wonder, do any of these surprise or confuse you? What are your life mottos? What short-form truths are you clinging to – or do you most need to cling to – in this season of your life? Add to my list!

With love & gratitude,

*Pastor Lucy*

### From Genesis to Revelation

- Starts 6/23/26, 9-week class, meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7 - 9 PM CT online

### Spirituality: Attentiveness to God's Presence

- Starts 9/1/26, 8-week program, meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM CT Online

For more information and to register, go to <https://nebraskasynod.org/ministries/emmaus-lifelong-learning/>

# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



Food and gas prices are on the rise. Are you fortunate enough to be able to still put food on the table and purchase basic household necessities? Guests at our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry are struggling during this time of economic

hardship and it is our goal to not only provide the basic essentials, but also, food that refreshes and nourishes the body. There are several ways you can join the Pantry's mission to "Feed the Poor, In Christ's Name". Food donations and monetary donations are always accepted. Also, if you have a green thumb and grow your own fruits and vegetables, we gladly will accept your hard work! Do you have an apple tree that produces so many apples you don't know what to do with them all? Call the Church office and we can help with those as well. You can also participate in the mission by volunteering to serve guests at the pantry. Contact the church office or Toby Rees at 402-979-1425 or toby@kmlchurch.org with any questions.

You can volunteer by using the link below or you can contact Toby Rees or any of the Pantry Committee members. Thank you for supporting our mission to feed the hungry.

<https://tinyurl.com/uau5ddd>

## Food Pantry Report

1/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

### Income:

Grants	\$	-0-
Donations	\$	33,529.28
Memorials	\$	-0-
	\$	33,529.28

### Expenses:

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

Capital Sani. Supply	\$	1,068.68
Dollar Tree	\$	380.25
Family Fare	\$	4,827.29
Walmart	\$	1,029.67
Rent	\$	22,159.80
Other	\$	855.09
	\$	30,320.78

**Balance** \$ **3,208.50**

## Help Us Collate the August Good News

Thursday, July 28

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 Tuesday, July 26. That way we can let you know if anything changes. Thanks for helping us get the Good News out.

## Carol Joy Holling 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 25

9 AM - 4 PM

Admission is Free

Mark your calendars and set a reminder now to attend!

The day promises competitive bidding, good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of camp. Rain or shine, the day will go on! Bring your family and friends!

Last year, over 400 items were actioned off and raised over \$113,000! Kountze Memorial donated 14 quilts and raised \$1,630. Members of Kountze Memorial also donated quilts, so that number a little higher. If you would like to donate a quilt, go online for the donation form and to find dates quilts may be delivered. They'll be glad to have your quilt.

<https://www.nlom.org/nlom-events/quilt-auction/>



## Neighborhood Gathering

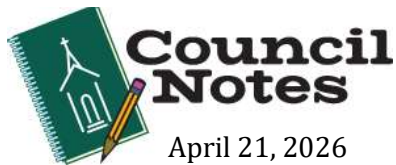
Our 2026 Neighborhood Gathering held on Sunday May 17 was a big hit. There was live music, food, games, face painting and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to Jim and Company for providing such a good time of food, fun, and fellowship!



# NEWS & Notes...

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April 21, 2026

Call to order: 6:06 PM Adjourned: 8:13 PM

The financial report was approved. March expenses and income were nearly even.

## Old Business

Several items were discussed, including the Nominating Committee, Innovative/Spark Project grants, a possible mission task force, a proposed staff retreat, Realm training, the streetcar project, and stewardship planning. Council approved authorizing Pr. Lucy and Debbie to coordinate Realm training, with funding to come from media funds.

## New Business

Council discussed a digital communication proposal from NEEMtv. The proposal would be completed in stages, with the first two stages planned for this year and the third stage possibly addressed next year. Council approved stages 1 and 2, not to exceed \$31,000 within six months, using TV/Media funds. The need to replace Microsoft Publisher, improve efficiency, train staff, and consider ADA compliance were part of the discussion.

## The Scholarship Committee

\$8,500 was available this year (with an additional amount up to \$8,500 for seminarians), and Council approved awarding a total of \$11,600 in scholarships, including support for two seminarians and five additional applicants.

## Mercy and Justice Committee

Exploring ways to assess Council interest and may use ELCA social statements as a framework. A proposal was discussed to host six forums throughout the year. Council also discussed possible security training opportunities, including storm spotter training, active shooter preparedness, kidnapping awareness, and risk assessment.

## Youth Emergency Services

YES has purchased two buildings east on Farnam and is consolidating services from seven locations. Services will include short-term housing, long-term housing, and drop-in day services.

## Committee updates

There is strong participation in Faith Formation activities, including camp, mission trips, and Service Fridays.

## Membership

The Neighborhood Gathering is planned for May 17. We welcomed 12 new members on April 26.

## Archives

Continues to organize and purge materials, complete confirmation photo records, and address storage needs.

## Worship & Music

The next meeting will be on May 28.

## Finance

Reported on two maturing CDs, and Council approved renewing a \$100,000 CD at 3.9% and transferring \$250,000 to a Cambridge account.

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## Missionary News

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



You can find  
The Swanson's  
newsletter at:  
[https://  
tinyurl.  
com/485mmsrn](https://tinyurl.com/485mmsrn)

### Kaitlyne Larson Bogotá, Colombia

Katie Larson, one of  
Kountze Memorial's  
Seminarians, has been  
approved for ordination.  
Katie's ordination will be held  
here at Kountze Memorial on  
Saturday, July 25. The time  
of ordination hasn't been  
decided on at this time.

### Rev. Bridget Gautieri Director of the ELCA Wittenberg Center July 9-12

Rev. Gautieri, one of  
the ELCA Global Mission  
Missionaries that we help  
support, will be visiting  
Kountze Memorial in July. She  
will probably preach and lead  
Forum on that Sunday.

## Halloween Costume Collection

Are you cleaning out closets, the attic or your garage? Do you have years of Halloween costumes tucked away that do not fit anyone in your house? Please bring those gently used costumes to the church! All sizes welcome from infant to adult. Donations can be placed in the brown collection box under the coat rack on the west side of Fellowship Hall.

This fall, Kountze Commons will host an event where those in need can come select a costume of their choice. If you have questions on donations or would like to assist in the event in the fall, please reach out to Toby Rees (402-979-1425 or toby@kmlchurch.org).



## Serve Boldly

Trinity Lutheran Church

6340 N 30<sup>th</sup> St

July 12-17, July 19-24, and July 26-31

Sun 12-7 PM, MTW, 3-8 PM, with 2-3 hours on Friday AM

Serve Boldly is seeking a Food Service Coordinator for Serve Boldly during their 3 weeks in Omaha - it's an hourly position - about 20-25 hours a week at \$20 an hour. They are also looking for a Guide in Omaha for the first two weeks listed.

If you are interested or know someone that might be interested in cooking for large groups, or are teachers or alumni of camp who might have experience serving youth groups, please contact Sara Jonassen, sjonassen@gllm.org. Even if you can only work a couple of those times, they would still be interested in hearing from you.

For a copy of the job description, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/4xcdcybm>



## Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 3

Seven of our youth affirmed their baptism at the 9 AM worship service. Listed from left to right, they are:

Daylan Fleming  
Evelyn Drickey  
Henry Schwieger  
Reno Hansen  
Miles Munderloh  
Grace Dey  
Emilie Erkes



## “Gray Area Thinking”

with Ellie Krug

Messiah Lutheran Church

5015 S. 80<sup>th</sup> Street

Tuesday, June 2

6— 8 PM

Free and Open to All

What does the phrase “diversity and inclusion” actually mean?

How can we move beyond grouping

and labeling of other humans to make an organization—or even our personal lives—more diverse and inclusive? Can we really build a just and inclusive world, especially in this time of such division?

We have been invited to join national speaker, transgender writer and “human inclusionist” Ellen “Ellie” Krug as she discusses organizational culture and culture change and conducts her human inclusivity training, Gray Area Thinking®. This training provides an easy-to-understand toolset on how to be more welcoming of anyone who is “Other” in our society.

Ellen (Ellie) Krug is an attorney and the author of *Getting to Ellen: A Memoir about Love, Honesty and Gender Change* (2013). She has trained on diversity and inclusion to court systems, law firms, Fortune 100 corporations, and colleges/universities on more than 1000 occasions. Ellie is the recipient of a number of awards and recognitions, including the 2023 Stonewall Award from the American Bar Association. She is a columnist for *Minnesota Women’s Press* and the host of “Ellie 2.0 Radio” on AM950 radio, where she discusses how to make the world better for all humans. Look for her monthly newsletter and more at

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



## 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 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 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!

## Pastoral Acts

April 16, 2026 - May 15, 2026

### Funerals:

Ronald Strazdas, April 16  
Marie Kubat, May 2  
Nancy Marshall, May 14  
Kathy Cole, May 15

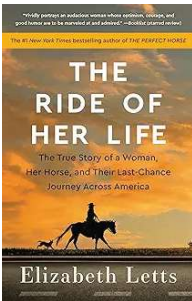
## KMLC Book Group

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, June 14

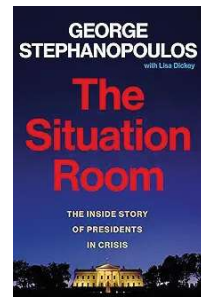
***The Ride of Her Life*, The true story of a woman, her horse, and the last chance journey across America by Elizabeth Letts**



In 1954, 63-year-old Annie Wilkes, left her Maine farm to begin a journey on horseback to Los Angeles, California. She was facing poverty, loss of her farm, and a terminal diagnosis with 2-4 years to live. Annie embarked on a 4,000-mile trip with little money or maps, horse, Tarzan, and dog, Depeche Toi as her companions. Annie was resilient and bold, and defied the elements and courageously met the challenges during the period in America of the building of the Interstate Highway system. She met many people along the way including Groucho Marx, and arrived in California in 1956. The theme of the book is hope, resilience, courage, and power of community.

Sunday, July 12

***The Situation Room*, The inside story of Presidents in crisis by George Stephanopoulos**



The book is a non-fiction account of some of the most historic crises that United States Presidents have had to manage during their term of office. The Situation Room is located in the basement of The White House and consists of four conference rooms where crises facing America have been discussed. The room was initiated in 1961, and include discussion of Cuban Crisis, assassination of President Kennedy, and attempted assassination of President Reagan, Vietnam War, Watergate Scandal, Desert One, Terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, capture of Osama bin Laden, Covid-19, and account of January 6, 2021. These are some of the topics discussed the last seven decades during the terms of twelve Presidents.

## Men's Lunch

Thursdays, June 18 & July 16

11:30 AM

**Suggested Donation: \$10**

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 16 & July 14, Call the church office, sign up at the Welcome Desk, or email Jim at [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) to let us know you're planning to attend.



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

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



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Children's Sermon



### Summer Schedule

Children are invited to sit with their families at the start of the service. Following the children's sermon, youth who are going into grade four and younger are invited to follow the adult leader upstairs for the Kountze Summer Reading Program. The kids will enjoy a story book on important life lessons. Coloring sheets, fidgets, and sensory items will be provided. The youth will return to their families for communion.

**Are you an adult interested in reading to the youth?**  
Reach out to Kristin at [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org).

## Confirmation "Boot Camp"

Do you have a student who wasn't able to participate in Wednesday night Collaborative Confirmation classes? Do you want a Confirmation "refresher" course? We are looking to do a Confirmation "Boot Camp" this summer for students (and adults) who for whatever reason didn't get the traditional Confirmation experience or would like a little more. Please contact Pastor Lucy if you would be interested in participating and we will look for a good time and format.



## KMLC Week at Camp

### Carol Joy Holling

June 7- 12/week 2

Twenty eight of our young people will be attending camp at Carol Joy Holling this summer. Be sure to ask them about their time at camp. They'll have a lot to report!

## Family Swim Party

Saturday, June 13

9 AM and Noon

Westgate Pool

8233 Grover Street



All ages youth preschool to high school and their families are invited for a "Summer Has Begun Pool Party". A lifeguard will be on site for our private event and drinks and food will be available. Hope to see you there! Contact Sheila if you have any questions.

## Service Fridays

June 19 - July 31

9 AM - 4 PM

Grades 7 - 9

Service Fridays are a chance for Middle School Students to spend time in fellowship while giving back to the community. Each Friday, students that are going into grades 7, 8, and 9, are invited to Kountze from 9 AM to 4 PM to work together in partnership with ministries connected to Kountze and other local non-profits. We will be working with deFreese Manor, the Kountze Love Your Neighbor Pantry, YES House, Physicians Mutual, and many other charities focused on helping those in our neighborhood.

While Service Fridays are limited to those going into 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades, we do need some adult support. If you have time, we could use some adult support during our activities. In addition, we will be focusing on collecting hygiene supplies to make care bags. Soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, lotion, Q-tips, and any other basic necessities you can imagine is needed. These items can be dropped off at the Sunday School office.

If you have questions about Service Fridays, or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Kristin at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org).

Sign up your middle school student with the following link:

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



## It's a Pizza Party!

Saturday, July 18

6:00 PM

Kountze Families with Children through Grade 12

You are invited for dinner following the Saturday worship service. Outdoor activities provided in the green space. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk or call the church office (402-341-7761).

## Omaha Collaborative VBS

July 19-22 (Sunday to Wednesday)

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

Supper (for families) 5:15 PM

Program 6 - 8 PM

Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Five Omaha Area Lutheran Churches have joined forces to serve together. Our program this year is "Snowball



**Mountain Challenge - "Find your Strength in God".**

Each evening begins with a simple meal provided in the Café for all participants and their families. Children will rotate through story stations, craft activities, science experiments and of course games! We'll finish by 8 PM so you can rest up for another great day of learning!

Please register your child/ren now so we can have all the supplies needed and be ready for a great week together.

The child registration form can be found at:

<https://sttimothys.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

Middle-High School students are welcome to participate as staff to make this a great learning experience for all. Adult volunteers are also needed. Volunteer registrations can be found at:

<https://sttimothys.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer>

FYI: For those ages 18 and over, we will be requiring a background check through your home church, if you haven't already done one.

Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to VBS. We are happy to have you!

**School Supply Drive**

The youth will be hosting a school supply drive this summer. We are asking for supplies and backpacks to fill for our Love thy Neighbor Pantry in Kountze Commons. Notebooks, folders, crayons,



**August 8 & 9**  
**August 15**  
**September 13**

Blessing of the Backpacks  
All Congregation Game Night  
Rally Sunday

**May 10 Children's Sermon**  
**Singing with Deacon Eric**



**Keep Our Youth in Your Prayers**

This summer, several of our children will be attending camp, and our high school youth will be traveling to Pennsylvania for their mission trip. Please keep them, their leaders, and all who will be part of these experiences in your prayers. May their time away be filled with faith, friendship, service, safety, and the joy of seeing God at work.



**Kountze Commons Mortgage Update**

Loan Balance, 4/1/2026.....	\$598,211.90
Principal Payment, 1/1/2026 .....	\$3,895.08
Interest Payment, 4/1/2026.....	\$1,809.92
Balance, 5/1/2026 .....	\$594,316.82

**Finances: April, 2026**

	<i>April</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 94075.14</b>	<b>\$ \$408,664.45</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support	\$ 9166.00	\$ 22,917.00
Faith Formation	\$ 12,000.94	\$ 12,518.39
Facility Costs	\$ 20,034.92	\$ 71,688.88
Staff Compensation & Benefits	\$ 57,204.01	\$ 261,202.10
Worship & Music	\$ 5,554.06	\$ 18,046.20
Office & Administration	\$ 3,562.78	\$ 13,985.26
Membership	\$ 1,129.88	\$ 5,124.09
Finance	\$ -	\$ -
Leadership	\$ -	\$ 2,025.00
Justice & Mercy Ministry	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 108,652.59</b>	<b>\$ 407,506.92</b>
<b>Total Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ (14,577.45)</b>	<b>\$ 1,157.53</b>

**Thank You**

A heartfelt thank you to our Faith Formation leaders for sharing their time, gifts, and faith with the children of Kountze Memorial this past year. We are grateful for your care and commitment to help our children learn, grow, sing, and know they are loved by God.



# CALENDAR

**June 1 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**June 2 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**June 3 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**June 4 Thursday**

6 PM Wedding Rehearsal

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**June 5 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

7:00 PM Peterson &

Matteson Wedding

**June 6 Saturday**

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

**June 7 Sunday**

Pentecost 2

Homebound Communion

Jun 7 - Jun 12 Camp Week  
@ CJH

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

**June 8 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**June 9 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**June 10 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group

12:15 PM Worship

3:00 PM Devotions @

deFreese Manor

4:00 PM Executive

Committee

**June 11 Thursday**

Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property

Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**June 12 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**June 13 Saturday**

9 AM - 12 PM Family Swim  
Party

5:00 PM Worship

**June 14 Sunday**

Pentecost 3

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:15 PM Book Group

**June 15 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**June 16 Tuesday**

Pr. Wynard's birthday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl

Group

6:00 PM Congregation

Council

**June 17 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**June 18 Thursday**

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

**June 19 Friday**

No Pantry

9:00 AM Service Friday

**June 20 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**June 21 Sunday**

Pentecost 4

Father's Day

Pr. Paul Moessner 50<sup>th</sup>

Ordination Anniversary

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

**June 22 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**June 23 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Circle 3

**June 24 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**June 25 Thursday**

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**June 26 Friday**

9:00 AM Service Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

**June 27 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**June 28 Sunday**

Pentecost 5

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

**June 29 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**June 30 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**July 1 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**July 2 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**July 3 Friday**

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PM Pantry

**July 4 Saturday**

Independence Day

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

**July 5 Sunday**

Pentecost 6

Homebound Communion

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

**July 6 Monday**

Jul 6 - Jul 12 Journey

Mission Trip

10:00 AM Pantry

**July 7 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**July 8 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group

12:15 PM Worship

3:00 PM Devotions @

deFreese Manor

4:00 PM Executive

Committee

**July 9 Thursday**

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property

Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**July 10 Friday**

9:00 AM Service Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

**July 11 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**July 12 Sunday**

Pentecost 7

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:15 PM Book Group

**July 13 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

12:00 PM KCCOC Board

**July 14 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**July 15 Wednesday**

Good News Deadline

12:15 PM Worship

**July 16 Thursday**

Council Reports Due

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

**July 17 Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal

9:00 AM Service Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

**July 18 Saturday**

Grundman & Reinken

Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

6:00 PM Family Pizza Party

**July 19 Sunday**

Jul 19 - Jul 22 VBS @ St.

Timothy's

Pentecost 8

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

**July 20 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board

Classroom

**July 21 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl

Group

6:00 PM Congregation

Council

**July 22 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**July 23 Thursday**

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**July 24 Friday**

9:00 AM Service Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

**July 25 Saturday**

Katie Larson's Ordination

(time TBD)

9:00 AM CJH Quilt Auction

5:00 PM Worship

**July 26 Sunday**

Pentecost 9

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Café Lite

10:10 AM Adult Forum

**July 27 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

11:30 AM Endowment

Board

**July 28 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

9:00 AM Good News

Assembly

12:30 PM Circle 3

**July 29 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**July 30 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Clinic

**July 31 Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal

9:00 AM Service Friday

5:00 PM Pantry



## June

1. Jason Boehm, Charles Martis, Staci McDowell, Delaney Morgan, Leslie Perez, Justin Pestel, Taylor Rohde, Jack Ruesch, Jeannie Swanson, Joyce Wachal
2. Rebecca Klemmensen, Jacqueline Lynch, Katie Wardell, Eric Westerman
3. Vickie Bratcher, Joseph Councill, Genevieve Micek
4. Gene Brady, Jocelyn Burt, Matthew Glasgow, Summer Kunkel, Taylor Morrow
5. Jim Reed, Toby Rees
6. Patricia Bressman, Libbie Diggins, Lawrence Storer, Matthew Traub, Olivia Weddell, Diana Wendt
7. Dianne Ratliff, John Schneiderman
8. Dulcinea Boesenberg, Linda Hirsh, Liz Pemberton, Kristen Snyder
9. Zachary Bass, Judy Stuart
10. Patt Councill, Boe Di Lorenzo, Steven Duffield, Tanya Hoffman, John Kunz
11. Daniel Dosen, Don Johnson, David Robinson, Jane Ross
12. Joan Amos, Natalie Bass, Susan Bass, Matt Coufal, David Mayberry, Margarita Valquier
13. Brian Kooienga, Stephanie Schade
14. Dean Winther
15. Steve Amos, Michael Bailey, Trevor Culbertson, Melissa Forman, Ruth Hashberger, Chad McFarland, Lynnette Mullins
16. Randy Bird, Elizabeth Comfort, Sam Greguska, Marcy Madison, Lawton

17. Jim Brand, Libby Broekemeier, Sofie Di Lorenzo, Nicholas Fogleman, Steve Jacobson, Wyatt Loucks, Kristina Pache
18. Kathryn Allen, Matthew Brown, Nicole Jones
19. Lisa Chinn, Bill McCoy, Amy McFarland, Nancy Meyer, Nathan Stier
20. Maria Bang, Carl Falk, Tim Laudenback, Sara Worm, Richard Zaporowski
21. Colin Girthoffer, Linda Herrington, Jeba Inbarasu, Frank-John Maaske
22. Peggy Glasser, Rudolf Kotula, Jessica Olson, Virginia Williams
23. Grace Albright, Jadon Costanzo, Nathan Fogleman, Aiden Horel, Heidi Wood
24. Charles Cole, Cindy Featherly-Lavelle, David Gardner, Timothy Kantor, Austin King, Phyllis Kuthan, Patti Line
25. Judy Boelts, Hayden Fischer, Joshua Olson, Ryan Soukup
26. Jamee Bjerke
28. Jaime Bartley, Shirleen Collett, Penny Hovendick, Thomas McCarthy, Ryan Swinney
29. Robin Perkins, Kim Rasmussen, Lenny Renken, Betty Thomas, Douglas Weedman
30. Michael Bratcher, Nancy Nepodal

Rees, Lucy Wynard

## July

1. Gaberian Bauer, Kai-Di Johnson, Jessica Kuthan, Matthew Rudie, Stephen Sieberson
2. Dorothy Bossman, Julie Milks, Nicole Neuschwanger, Laurie Pestel
3. Ethan Ferguson, Gaven Goldsberry, Karen Sundell
4. Donald Burton, Amie James
5. Franklin Yates
6. Jim Akers, Kristy Baker, Mackenzie Peterson, Tom Shields
7. Isabel Bartek, Anne Dey, Ann Hadfield, Alexander Venn, Joshua Venn, Zachary Venn
8. Nathan Gardner, Naomi Klein, David Samaria, Nichole Turgeon, Stacey White
9. Tom Irving, Mabel Wangler
10. Gary Christiansen, Barbara Eckhorn, Cooper Erdman, Molly Gunia, Carl Hartmann, Naomi Martin, Elliot Sinclair, Owen Sinclair, Stephanie Stephens, Tim Walker
11. Kristine Beverly, Amanda Fogle, Samantha Meyer, Lorie Nielson, Bridget Robbins, William Ryder
12. Scott Rowe, Joel Sacks, Andrew Sifers, Nicholas Stephens, Hannah Workman
13. Mona Brethouwer, Katy Clarke, Steven Fonda, Kristen Gardner, Gail Houghton, Jean Johnson, Eva Reed, Pam Swanger
15. Allison Albright, Christy Edris, William Vawter, Robert Williams
16. Caleb Fili, Ella Haitz, Robert Nelson
17. Kelsey Ferry, Inba Inbarasu, Dakota Perez, Samuel Williams
18. Natasha Gartin, Florence Hansen, Julie Hoogestraat
19. Jazmin Gardner, Margaret Georgeson, Keeley Porter, Katharine Schjodt, Dallas Schramm, Barbara Smrkovsky
20. Deborah Edris, Deb Fogleman, Judy Hamaker, Browyn King, Richard Taylor
21. Bennett Bressman, Patrick Brommer, Pat Edwards, Nancy Falk, Vicki Freeman, Alyssa Hansen, Brad Rogers, Isabel Sampson, Cynthia Whitmyre
22. Lawrence Harvey, Catherine Herzberg, Christine Manion
23. Parker Lefebvre, Suzanne Muller, Joseph Tellgren
24. Kyrsten Rohmeyer
25. Pamela Bennett, Rob Comfort, Kallie Egeland, Shanen Hoke, Tim Holland, Carl Reichert
26. Alex Ignowski, Dayle Johnson, Abbi Miranda Carreto, Megan Neill, Roxann Perrine
27. Tanya Kuenning, Jeffrey West
28. Melanie Bratcher, Linda Hoagland, Celsa Perez, Kelli Rolfsmeyer, Stu Sedlak, Vicky Whitmore
29. Dustin Bladt, Kory Bladt, Charles Kocourek, Ashley Laudenback
30. Lee Johnson, Kimberly Merrill
31. Chloe Fischer, Louis Flake, Aiden Girthoffer, Melissa Petru, Carolyn Sieling, Sarah Storer

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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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