

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PASTOR



As we transition into summer, here at Kountze Memorial we're about to take on some big behind-the-scenes administrative projects – that you will see the fruit of within a few months. These are over-arching

things that touch on just about everything we do here at Kountze: communications, outreach, mission. First, we're taking the next steps in training our staff and lay leaders in Realm, our church management software. We already have been using Realm to keep track of people's contact information, giving records, and so forth – but there's so much more it can do, if we learn how to use it. So we'll be training in-person with folks from the company in things like how to use it for Sunday School registration, sign-ups for volunteers, even to use as a Church Directory.

The even bigger project is a Digital Communications Transformation. This will involve creating a new website, a social media strategy and new social media presence, and hopefully (eventually) upgrades to our audio-visual hardware. All of that will ... push us!... to examine the content of just about all our communication – from Facebook posts to newsletter to bulletins. What are we trying to communicate? With which (distinct) audiences? Is the message – about who we are and what we're doing in mission together – clear, consistent and compelling?

We're excited – but I'm also conscious that this will make for a very busy summer for our staff in particular, and some of our lay folk. I'm sharing with you all for a few reasons:

1. Pray for us & be patient with us! As with anything, there will be some bumps and “learning curves” in the road. Give us lots and lots of grace please.
2. We need help. We especially need some folks with good communication skills – writing, editing, technology/social media skills – to help out. Is that you or someone you know in our Kountze Memorial community? Let me know!
3. We need EVERYONE'S help! That is to say – just as being a welcoming community is the job of all of us, listening for God's invitation to us, and then sharing with others the invitation to “come and see” is a job that belongs to all of us. Come to our Forums, share your gifts and talents, meet with the clergy for coffee and let us know what God is doing in your life, share that Facebook post about an upcoming event at Kountze Commons or the clip from worship last Sunday... we need everyone's help! (Are you following both KMLC and KCCOC on Facebook? Please do! And look soon for more, and changing, social media presence.)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son... (Hebrews 1:1-2) One of the distinctions of our Christian faith is the belief that God comes to us incarnationally – in our own native languages, in mediums that make sense to us in our own lived experience. We imitate God when we find ways to speak the language of our neighbors in a way that makes sense to them. Join us in communicating the Good News and inviting others into our shared mission!

Let's keep in touch,

*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.

## 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.

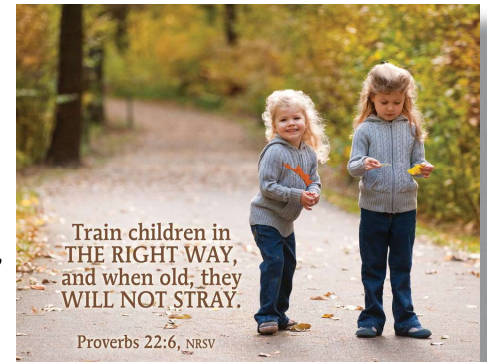
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$220 per week.

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.



## 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

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# GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

- May 3: Reception for Confirmands
- May 10: Tanzania and Nebraska Synod Together, with Martin Russell
- May 17: Neighborhood Gathering
- May 24: Fellowship (Memorial Day Weekend)
- May 31: TBD

## Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, April 26, we welcomed 13 new members to Kountze Memorial. Their pictures will be on the Welcome Desk for a couple of weeks so you will know who they are and can welcome them into our congregation and make them feel at home.



## 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.

## 2026 Nebraska Synod Assembly

May 29 - May 31  
Kearney, NE



The theme of the 2026 Synod Assembly is Broken Open. Attendees will explore "Broken Open," where scars become sacred and vulnerabilities, sources of strength. Our members attending

the Assembly will be challenged, encouraged, and broken open to the surprising grace of God at work in them, in our congregation, and across the Nebraska Synod.

## College Graduates



**Madelyn Hinrichs** graduated from Life University in Marietta, GA with her Bachelor's of Science degree and her Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

**Kyra Louise Peterson** graduated (Magna Cum Laude) this year with B.S. in Accounting from Bellevue University. Kyra plans to complete the CPA & CFE exams.

**Emily Rimington** is graduating from UNO with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology with a minor in Medical Humanities. Emily is a Community Engaged Scholar and finishing up classes over the summer. After graduation, she's applying to different psychology jobs like being a psychometrist or peer support specialist. In her spare time, Emily is an Omaha Performing Arts Ambassador and sings in River City Mixed Chorus (and is still involved in church choir)!



## Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 14

7 PM

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

113 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street

We are excited to again partner with Trinity Episcopal for a special Ascension Day service and choral collaboration. Our choirs will sing together for the service.

We hope you can join us!

This should be a great experience for anyone attending. At this time, we're anticipating a report from those attending sometime in early June.

For anyone interested, the Closing Worship & Closing of Assembly - Presiding Bishop Curry will be livestreamed and will be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/NebraskaSynod>

# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



Kountze Memorial's Love Thy Neighbor food pantry is one of the important missions of our congregation. The pantry provides not only food, but also hygiene and other personal care items for guests who shop with us on

Mondays and Fridays each week. We have service

providers from Methodist Health Systems and Archwell that join us to provide additional services to guests. Did you know we are the only pantry in the metro area that is open in the evening? What a blessing to guests who work traditional hours and cannot visit another pantry.

How can you help in the mission? There are many ways to participate. You can donate monetary funds, purchase needed items, or volunteer your time. The pantry is always in need of volunteers on Mondays from 9:30 - 11 AM and/or 11 AM - 1 PM and on Fridays from 4:30 - 7 PM to serve guests. There are also additional opportunities to assist in unloading deliveries or picking up items from local grocery outlets.

You can join the team by signing up to volunteer by using the link below or you can contact Toby Rees at 402-979-1425, email [toby@kmlchurch.org](mailto:toby@kmlchurch.org), or contact any of the Pantry Committee members. Thank you for supporting our mission to feed the hungry.

<https://tinyurl.com/uausddd>

## Did you know...

...that Hy-Vee on 90<sup>th</sup> and Center donates bakery goods to our Love Thy Neighbor food pantry each week? We are in need of a volunteer who would be willing to join another volunteer at Hy-Vee each Monday around 9:00 AM to pick up these items and deliver them to the pantry. It is not heavy lifting. If you would consider volunteering please call the church office.

## Food Pantry Report

1/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

Please see page 11 for the Pantry report.

## Help Us Collate the June/July Good News

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



## Camp CJH Work Day

Saturday, May 16

8 AM - 1:30 PM

Breakfast Served at 7:30 AM

Camp Carol Joy Holling needs our help to "set the vibe" at camp

for the more than 1,600 campers arriving during the summer.

Bring your friends and family for a day of work in God's creation!

Individuals and groups are welcome and all skill levels are needed. Please bring clothes that can get dirty, close-toed shoes, and gloves. Hats, sunscreen, and water bottles are recommended. Kids are welcome with parental supervision.

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.nlom.org/nlom-events/work-day-2026/>

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

Saturday, July 25

9 AM - 4 PM

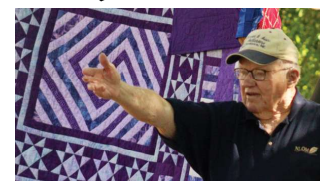
Admission is Free

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/>



# NEWS & Notes...



March 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM and was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The agenda was presented and passed.

**Chiller** – Last year we had an assessment last year to identify key components to replace over the next 5 years. We have 2 bids, one at 208,240 vs Fluid at 167,500. Property allowed Fluid to go ahead and double check things and there was a finding that raised the cost to 174,336. The chiller is expected to be replaced this fall. Endowment has set aside money, and we have funds for property we will need to pull out but we have the funds needed.

Motion passed to authorize Jim to use funds to hire Fluid Mechanical.

Toby from Kountze Commons, KCCOC, is paid 50% by the 501(c)(3) and 50% from the church. There is no determined breakout of the position's benefits. The Kountze Commons board would like to propose another 50/50 split for the benefits as well as the salary. Another is to extend this agreement further by 3 years.

First motion to approve the amount of back pay that the Kountze Commons board pays 50% of total compensation of the Directors position. Movement passes.

Second motion to extend the three-year agreement of the split of 50/50 of the total compensation package of the executive director until October 2029. Motion passes.

Toby is excited to share and would like the blessing to add a new service of the Kountze Board to add free legal services. A request was put in to the endowment board. She has contacted 2 major donors. Volunteer Lawyer Project is an established organization which we will provide space to. There are many things like wills, trusts, powers of attorney, healthcare, custodial, and would need some funding for filing fees. Envisioning that it would start concurrently with the pantry. We would contact different non-profits, the Volunteer Lawyer Project, some social media, and others will be willing to promote this in the community. Donor requested that it not just be a weekday morning, looking for evenings or weekends when those we want to serve are available. This would not create a position.

Council endorses the concept of a legal clinic and as details develop would like to be presented to the council. Endorsement passes unanimously.

**Previous Minutes** – Several changes were made to previous minutes.

## Financial Report

- Net income was \$2,800
- YTD just over \$11,000 net, about a \$50,000 dollar drop from last year.
- Would like to determine if there is anything specific about this year versus last year to see if there is anything that we should correct
- Made a note that the year of 2025 is listed in some of the comments. This is due to the software and when we moved over that was how we created those accounts. We will change that going forward.

Financials approved.

## Vision Fund

- The fund was created from the sale of the deFreese Manor sale.
- Added some discretionary memorial grants to the funds and then this was split into different funds.
- One set of funds went to the endowment – half a million. As they give to property and mission
- The second set of funds was 240,000 to the property fund where we will be taking money out for the chiller and other large investments.
- The third set put money into the Vision Fund. And 60,000 ish dollars to our ministry area funds.
- Would use the ministry area funds to use discernment

The rollout for committees and groups to access the pots of monies is through the innovative program / project. Within the next month distribute the paperwork to the committees the council members are a part of and that in May we will roll out this application to the wider church. The process is to bring the application to the council liaison and then the council will be able to take a vote and pass it on.

**Nominating Committee** – Ann Dey, Tim Backora and Kate McCoy. Three people will need to find replacements but would also want to keep in mind different demographics. This will be coming up please keep it in mind.

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## 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).



## Community Resource Fair

Monday, May 18  
9 AM- 12:30 PM



Kountze Commons is excited to host its first Community Resource Fair. Numerous community partners will be present to share information about the services they provide. This event is open to all and is sponsored by our partner, Methodist Health Systems. A complete list of vendors and services is available in the church office upon request. Please join us on May 18<sup>th</sup>!

## 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>



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Would like to hold a staff retreat. Pastor Lucy thinks that having the staff and the council more together would facilitate our work together. Anticipating this summer.

### Staff Reports

- Tim wanted to highlight that we helped one our regular patrons of the food pantry to help him move to a new apartment. Staff reports were approved.

**Faith Formation** meeting in April

**Media and Technology** – Meet with the people across the street will be getting a bid on different pieces of our website media perhaps

**Global Mission** met last night, notes included. Laura updated the format.

**Food Pantry** – We have found some strong candidates for the director position.

**Finance** – Scholarship will meet on Sunday there are 7 to look through so next month council will have approvals to look forward to.

One of our seminarians will be ordained this year and will be working in Columbia.

Overall, our security measures and policies, what do we have in place and what do we need to do to ensure that we are keeping in place.

## 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).

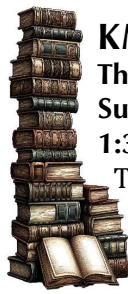
## Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound



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!



## KMLC Book Group

The Bookworm

Sunday, May 3

1:30 PM

The Book Group does not meet in May in recognition of Mother's Day. We'll meet for lunch and book selection at The Bookworm for the next year on May 3. The next book discussion will be June 14 when we begin a new reading list. Please join us then.

## Men's Lunch

Thursday, May 21

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation: \$10

This month, we'll travel back to 1904 and see what two foods gained popularity at the World's Fair in St. Louis. We'll have food, fun, some trivia and a multiple-choice game to test your knowledge.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 19. 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.



# NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

Sunday, May 17, 2026

11:00 AM– 1:30 PM

Rain or Shine

**Green Space (between Methodist Clinic & Kountze Memorial)**

All KMLC children, youth, families, friends, and members, as well as those in the community, are invited to attend the annual Neighborhood Gathering. Bring the family for FREE food, games, bounce houses, face painting, prizes, balloons, and featuring a live band "Ron and the Renegades"!

See the bulletin insert if you would like to volunteer to help. You can also talk to Jim Smejkal. Come join in the fun! You won't want to miss it!

## Pastoral Acts

March 16, 2026 - April 15, 2026

### Baptisms:

Wynn Allen Durio, April 11, 2026

### Funerals:

Jay Jacobson, April 8, 202

### First Communion: April 2, 2026

Mason Alexander Burton

Everett Nosal

Henry Nosal

Isabelle Nosal

Prin KhunDum Weigel

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



## Sunday School

10:10 AM

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

**Please note:** There will not be Sunday School on May 3, Confirmation Sunday. Please help your student understand the importance and meaning behind Confirmation.

The last day of Sunday school is May 17. Join us that day for a celebration of all the hard work you all put into this Sunday School year.

## Children's Choir

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Please note:** The last day of Children's Choir is May 17.



## 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.



Sunday, May 3

9 AM Worship and 10:15  
Celebration



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.

## 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.



## Family Swim Party

Saturday, June 13

9 AM and Noon

Westgate Pool

8233 Grover Street

Families with school aged kids are invited to join us for swimming, snacks, games, and fellowship with our Kountze family. Hope to see you there.



## 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>



**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!

## Congratulations Graduates!



We recognized our high school and college graduates during Worship and a reception between services on Sunday, April 26. We presented our high school graduates with quilts made by our Sewing Group. Each stitch of the quilts represents the love that God has given us to share with one another. They are symbolic of our congregation's commitment to support and equip our graduates in carrying out the promises made in baptism. The names of our college graduates are listed on page 3. Congratulations to all!

### High School Graduates



**Jazmin Gardner**  
**Parent(s)/guardian(s):** Ranae Gardner  
**High school attended:** Westview High School  
**Future plans:** Metro Community College, then move to UNO: focus on Interior Design



**Tucker Owen Haitz**  
**Parent(s)/guardian(s):** Eric and Rhonda Haitz  
**High school attended:** Abraham Lincoln High School Council Bluffs  
**Activities:** Marching Band, Jazz Band, Golf, Baseball, Robotics  
**Future plans:** University of Iowa College of Engineering- BioMedical Engineering



**Barrett Hinrichs**  
**Parents:** Kelly & Susan Hinrichs  
**School Attended:** Douglas County West High School in Valley  
**Activities:** Barrett participates in football, and track - shot put and running, and trap - FCA, and volunteers on the Valley Fire Department and Rescue.  
**Future Plans:** His plans after high school include pursuing a career in firefighting and EMT continuing

working his business. He has started his own business of The Sandman offering landscape and beach maintenance services.



**William Edmund Mattson**  
**Parent(s)/guardian(s):** Chris Mattson & Kyra Peterson / Erin & Josh Weible  
**High school attended:** Westside High School  
**Future plans:** Enlisting in the Army

# CALENDAR

MAY

## May 1 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 2 Saturday

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

6:00 PM Cinco de Mayo Event

## May 3 Sunday

Easter 5

Confirmation Sunday

Homebound Communion

No Sunday School

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 Affirmation of Baptism

9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Confirmation Reception

## May 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## May 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## May 6 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## May 7 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## May 8 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 9 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 10 Sunday

Easter 6

Mother's Day

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

## May 11 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

12:00 PM KCCOC Board

## May 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## May 13 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group

12:15 PM Worship

1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese

Manor

4:00 PM Executive Committee

## May 14 Thursday

Ascension of Our Lord

Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## May 15 Friday

Good News Deadline

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 17 Sunday

Easter 7

Last day of Sunday School &

Children's Choir for the summer

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

11:00 AM Neighborhood Gathering

## May 18 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry & Community

Health Fair

## May 19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM KCCOC Board

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

## May 20 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## May 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

## May 22 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 24 Sunday

Day of Pentecost

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 Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Adult Forum

## May 25 Monday

Memorial Day (Observed)

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 AM Pantry

## May 26 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Circle 3

## May 27 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## May 28 Thursday

9:00 AM Good News Assembly

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## May 29 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 30 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 31 Sunday

Holy Trinity

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Adult Forum

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

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





1. Edward Bass, Harold Gilliam, Carole Meilahn, Susan Peterson, Mark Phillips
2. Morgan Crouse, Anita Morse, Shannon Picha, Jeffery Senn, David Tollefson
3. Ethan Eggen, Linda Johnson, Karrie Lyles, Beth Naylor, Allyson White, Bryant Wolf
4. Lacey Bodnar, Lindsey Bodnar, Paul Frederick, Linda Knutson
5. Elizabeth Busted
6. Carol Carlson, Aubri Meldrum, Maxwell Szymczak, Caden Vermule
7. Diane Davis, Schyler Hopkins, Heidi Leclair, Helen Lowderman, Bette McCoy, Debra Putnam, Lynn Sherlund
8. Shirley Bonneau, Jennifer Kropp, Autumn Loucks, Giselle Loucks, Dick Sieling, Jennifer Swinney
9. Charles Bressman, Julie Classen, Trever Osborne, Brecke Plourde, Richard Portrey, Sarah Roane
10. Matthew Geiger, Rahn Johnson, Lucas Pestel
11. Natalie Backora, Sandra Kucera, Jennifer McCarthy
12. Dane Kucera, Nathan McFarland, Henry Samuelson, Jane Setterburg, Carol Storer, Manfred Wunderlich
13. Elaine Adams, Lee Bockelman, Hal Gillaspie, Allie Hiatt, Pam Johnson, Elizabeth Luczynski, Fred Wachal
14. Noah Curtis, Sierra Vermule
15. Don Berney, Scott Fonda, Shannon Fonda, Tucker Haitz, Kay Jones, Isabella Kuehn, Lisa Montag
16. Jean Bowman, Spencer Link, Jane Lynam, Gretchen Mathiason, Brooke Reinert, Alyssa York
17. Tracy Fletcher, Nicholas Kanning, Dirk Petersen
18. Linda Ackerson, Amber Boehm, Frank Ferguson, Soren Hepburn, Elizabeth Larkowski, Kate McCoy, Courtney Senn
19. Sarah Clifford, Michael Johnston, Georgia Leclair, Erin Steffen, Melissa Titus
20. Krista Edwards, Carol Wunderlich
21. Olta Gjoca, Liz Moldenhauer, Peter Smock, Lyn Ziegenbein
22. Rose Bartling, Susan Clark, Melody Diggins
23. Nicholas Barrett, Samuel Comfort, Kevin Grisso, Judy McIntire, Lorna Swingen, Karen Wolf
24. Jackson Barrett, Brittany Edwards, Justin Edwards, Pat Ranney, Steven Thomas
25. Susie Henry, Mary Kersey, David Swift
26. Denise Lewis
27. H Michael Hyland, Ashley Ingram, Emma Mirch, Jeremy Sarich
28. Laura Hansen, Stephanie Martens, Tracey Sweet, Owen Thornton, Dean Vancaster
29. Joy Borchman, Mitch John, Jackson Martis, Jeffrey Martis
30. Lawrence Battaglia, Missy Hardersen, Brooks Hinrichs, Greta Rohrberg, Michaela Ruma, Amanda Sneckenberg, Noah Storer
31. Ellie Carlson, Marie Dixon, Kelly Rudie, Dan Shelby, Morgan Stouffer

### Food Pantry Report

1/1/2026 - 3/31/2026

#### Income:

Grants	\$	-0-
Donations	\$	12,360.22
Memorials	\$	-0-
	\$	<u>12,360.22</u>

#### Expenses:

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

Capital Sani. Supply	\$	606.78
Dollar Tree	\$	380.25
Family Fare	\$	4,198.75
Walmart	\$	396.34
Rent	\$	22,159.80
Other	\$	<u>836.76</u>
	\$	28,578.68

**Balance**                    \$    **(16,218.46)**

### Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 3/1/2026.....	\$601,904.37
Principal Payment, 3/9/2026 .....	\$3,692.47
Interest Payment, 3/1/2026.....	\$2,012.53
Balance, 4/1/2026 .....	\$598,211.90

### Finances: March, 2026

	<i>March</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 105,715.45</b>	<b>\$ 311,289.31</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support	\$ 4,585.00	\$ 13,751.00
Faith Formation	\$ -120.75	\$ 517.45
Facility Costs	\$ 13,936.26	\$ 51,653.96
Staff Compensation & Benefits	\$ 73,572.93	\$ 203,998.09
Worship & Music	\$ 4,808.24	\$ 12,492.14
Office & Administration	\$ 3,628.39	\$ 10,422.48
Membership	\$ 2,339.90	\$ 3,994.21
Finance	\$ -	\$ -
Leadership	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,025.00
Justice & Mercy Ministry	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 104,774.97</b>	<b>\$ 298,854.33</b>
<b>Total Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 940.48</b>	<b>\$ 12,434.98</b>

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## Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is  
televised live on Cox channel 13 and live  
streamed on our website at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/> (you may  
watch the live-stream any time)

A bulletin is available on our website  
at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/bulletin-announcements/>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Happy Mother's Day!*



Mothering God,

- ♥ Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day.
- ♥ Accompany those yearning to be mothers.
- ♥ Open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives.