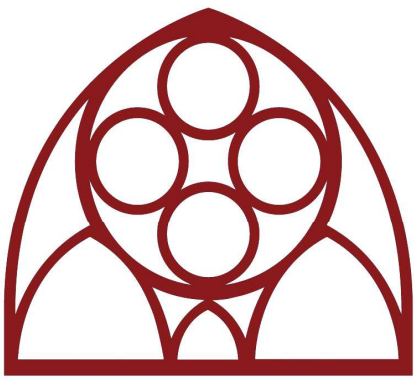




KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Worship + Grow + Serve
Rooted in Gratitude -- Forward in Mission

I am excited! A year ago that is how I started this October newsletter article – and it remains true today. Then we were about to welcome new staff – Deacon Eric Haitz and Youth Director Sheila Valquier. We had the largest incoming Confirmation class in years. And the busy, busy year of ministry and mission was off to a great start. In so many ways nothing has changed – but in the best way. What I mean is, we know who we are, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. **We are a congregation called to God's mission as we Worship + Grow + Serve together.**

We **worship** God as we gather around Word and Sacrament. We **grow** in faith, in relationship with one another, and in our understanding of God's call. And we **serve** our neighbors and our world, putting our faith into action.

We've had plenty to celebrate in the last year. As you think back on the year behind us, what comes to your mind? I think about moments in worship when the music led my heart to truly praise God – the bell choir accompanied by one of our young adults on violin, the choir at the Candlelight Carol Service and that beautiful liturgical dancer, and the children and adult choirs singing together on Pentecost Sunday.

I think about watching our youth wrestle with what faith meant in their lives at school as they engaged with questions of bullying, self-harm, and racial identity in Collaborative Confirmation. I think about hearing stories from Sunday School teachers of the profound conversations they were having with kids about what happens when someone you love dies. I think about watching volunteers at Kountze Commons – people who themselves had experienced plenty of hardship and made plenty of mistakes in life – make real connections with guests who stood a little taller as they were treated with dignity and kindness.

These snapshots are the real story behind any program or number or accomplishment – real people, transformed by God's grace, generously sharing that love with our community. And they point us to an exciting question – **what does God have for us next?**

Some of it is already beginning. We are growing younger as more children, youth and young adults join us. These folks are both our present and our future, and the gifts they offer bring so much to our shared ministry! We are continuing to learn and lean into what it means for us “to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,” as we affirm in our baptismal covenant. Through the ministries of Kountze Commons, our partnerships with refugee ministries in Omaha, our support of missionaries around the world, and in our advocacy for neighbors in need, we are growing in our call to mercy and justice.

We are also approaching a big milestone – **the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center in October 2027.** It is our hope and plan to retire the debt on the building before then as we're now within \$400,000 of paying off that obligation. Retiring that debt will free us to direct more of our finances and attention towards what God might be inviting us into next in mission.

The investments we've been making – in building KCCOC, in staffing for youth and young adults, and in maintaining our beautiful building and grounds – are helping us to worship, grow, and serve in new ways. They are strengthening the mission we've shared as a congregation for over 165 years – and providing a foundation for that mission as God leads us into the years ahead. They also mean our plain 'ole operating budget – our General Fund – needs your regular, unrestricted giving as much as ever. **Together, our gifts make this ministry possible.** How might God be inviting you to join us?

Together in joy & mission,

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). The Sunday bulletin is available on our website.

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

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



Photo by Jake Madison

Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



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

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

Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast 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.

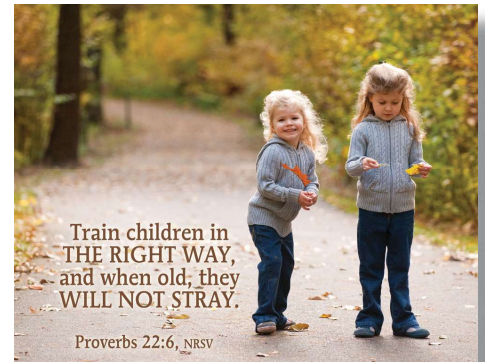
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and the cost is \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$220 per week.

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.



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GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

- October 4: ELCA Social Statements: What They Are and How They Are Written
- October 11: Reception of New Members & ELCA Statement: Faith and Civic Life
- October 18: ELCA Statement: Faith and Civic Life, cont.
- October 25: Bible Sunday

New Member Class Continues

**Sunday, October 4
10:15 AM**



The second of two classes will be held on October 4. If you have questions or would like to sign up for the classes to be held on January 24 and 31, please 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.

St. Francis of Assisi, Peacemaker Service

Sunday, October 4

7 PM

**Held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
113 N 18th St**

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church have, for several years, celebrated St. Francis of Assisi, Peacemaker, with a communion service focused on prayers for peace. We hope this service can be an invigorating moment of prayer and song. Choir members from several churches will participate. The preacher will be Abby Ybay, Dean of Community Life at The Benedictine Way, an Episcopal monastic community in North Omaha. A cookie reception will follow. Join us!



GRIEF SEMINAR

Sunday, November 1

12:15 - 1:45 PM

Fellowship Hall

The holiday season can be especially challenging when you're grieving. If you're struggling, you're not alone. Join us for a compassionate conversation led by Deacon Sue Simmons. Deacon Simmons has years of experience leading grief groups and she is currently the Bereavement Coordinator for Tabitha Hospice (soon to be Immanuel Hospice.) Come explore ways to navigate your grief and find support within our community.

A light lunch will be served. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 402-341-7761 by October 28 so we have an idea of how many to plan on for lunch & materials.

Meet Me at the Manger

Saturday, November 14 (Program)

Sunday, November 15 (Display)

Women's Program

Coming soon! Save the Date!

Watch for more information in the November Good News and the weekly Announcement Page.



come grow with us!

SERVE with us...

A Note from the Pantry Director:



The Kountze "Love Thy Neighbor" Food Pantry is a welcome place for anyone who needs food. We do not have any limits on the number of times a guest can come to the pantry, and we do not require identification. Our neighbors are hungry and our mission is to feed anyone who comes

through the door.

We get most of our food from the Food Bank for the Heartland. Due to supply shortages, we have not been able to get a lot of our staple foods from them recently. This includes canned beans, canned tuna, soup, peanut butter, hamburger, frozen chicken, canned vegetables and cereal. We have to buy some of these items from local grocery stores when we can find a good price. We appreciate all donations, whether it is food, toiletries, diapers or money.

We are very lucky to have other partners who help keep the pantry stocked:

- Rotella's – every Monday morning a volunteer picks up 300 donated loaves of bread
- Saving Grace – deliver "rescued food" every Thursday morning
- Hy-Vee – Volunteers pick up close-dated breads and bakery items on Monday mornings from 2 area Hy-Vees
- Copia – deliver "rescued food" from local restaurants, usually about once a month
- Access Period – provide period products at no cost

The pantry is open Mondays from 10-12:45 and Fridays from 5-6:45. We are always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer at the pantry, please go to our Sign-Up Genius and sign up for a shift. Contact Heidi (heidi@kmlchurch.org) or the church office with any questions. Thank you for supporting our mission to feed our hungry neighbors.

<https://tinyurl.com/uasdddp>

See the back page for our Pantry Wish List

Help Us Collate the November Good News

Tuesday, October 27

9 AM



GOOD NEWS

Come be part of the crew that gets the Good News ready for mailing! 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 by Monday, October 26. That way we can let you know if anything changes and to be sure we have enough for lunch. Thanks for helping us get the Good News out.

Food Pantry Report

1/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

Income:

Grants	\$ -0-
Donations	\$ 57,379.90
Memorials	\$ -0-
	\$ 57,379.90

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$ -0-
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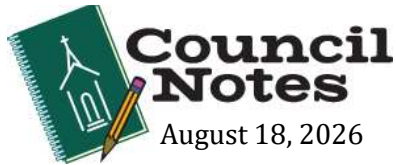
Regular Expenses

Capital Sani. Supply	\$ 2,509.88
Dollar Tree	\$ 1,423.81
Family Fare	\$ 7,954.52
Walmart	\$ 5,216.22
Rent	\$ 43,951.17
Sam's Club	\$ 2,436.59
Other	\$ 4,571.82
Pantry Director Salary	\$ 4,898.08
KCCOC Credit Card*	\$ 23,285.35
	\$ 96,247.44

Balance \$ **(38,867.54)**

*Pantry Expenses from 2025

NEWS & Notes...



August 18, 2026

The financial report showed approximately \$60,000 in income and \$96,000 in expenses for the month, resulting in a deficit of approximately \$36,000. Year-to-date income was approximately \$603,000, with expenses of \$701,000. Council discussed increased staffing costs, stewardship efforts and the appropriate use of designated funds.

Plans are underway for a Council social gathering on September 18 and a business retreat on October 24. Council also discussed Rally Sunday, gathering updated member information through Realm, encouraging innovative project grant applications and strengthening Kountze's branding and digital communications. Work on the new website continues, with the basic structure expected to be ready for review soon.

The Council approved its slate of officers and committee liaisons. New member classes are scheduled for September 27 and October 4. Other updates included the delivery of

backpacks to Nile Lutheran Church, strong participation in summer Service Fridays and an anticipated confirmation class of 18 students. The Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center Board is also considering a monthly civil legal clinic.

Congregational Council - 2026-27

Pastor Lucy Wynard – President
Ruth Henneman – Vice President
Lara McCormick – Secretary
Marsha Vance – Treasurer
Jennifer Bunge
Jacque Johnson
Steve Hinrichs
Bruce Nissen
Madeline O'Kane
Steve Olsen
Mary Jane Petersen
Leon Valquier
Deacon Eric Haitz (voice not vote)
Pastor Ashley Hall (voice not vote)

Blessing of the Animals

Saint Cecilia Cathedral
701 N. 40th Street
Saturday, October 3
Blessing at 10:30 AM



St. Cecilia Cathedral will host an outdoor celebration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. We celebrate this day with prayer for our pets, in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier for everyone's safety, or feel free to

bring a photo if you prefer! Pr. Hall will represent Kountze Memorial in leadership of this event.

2026 Strike out Diabetes Bowling Bash

Maplewood Lanes
3030 N 101st St, Omaha
Sunday, October 11
3 to 5 PM (check in at 2:15)



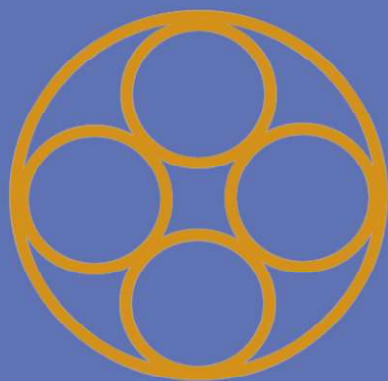
Do you love to bowl and fight food insecurity in our community? Join Dear Diabetes and Kountze Commons for a Bowling Bash to bring awareness to diabetes and food insecurity.

Registration for a team of 4 is \$125.00, other options are also available. If you don't want to bowl, but would like to provide support you can also sponsor a team from

Kountze. You can register at

<https://givebutter.com/deardiabetes2026bowling>

If you have questions you can reach out to Toby at 402-979-1425. Register by September 30th! Bring 4 canned goods or a bag of flour or Maseca and you will get a ticket for the raffle drawing.



KOUNTZE COMMONS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

FEED THE HUNGRY, HEAL THE SICK, TEND THE SOUL.



We are seeking investments to complete the cost of building Kountze Commons, freeing and positioning KCCOC for an ever-growing future of service to our community and neighbors! The 17,000-square-foot building contains many beautiful spaces available for the following naming opportunities:



KCCOC COURTYARD: \$500,000
Courtyard/garden space outside



COMMUNITY SPACE/COMMONS: \$250,000
Community engagement space in main entrance



CLASSROOM: \$150,000
Atrium/hallway connecting church and KCCOC.



DONOR WINDOW: \$5,000
Name displayed on Link window

A named space is a beautiful way to honor loved ones or physically make your commitment to this essential integrated care building in the heart of Omaha. If you are interested in a naming opportunity, please contact Pastor Lucy Wynard at 402.341.7761 or lucy@kmlchurch.org or Toby Rees at 402.979.1425 or toby@kountzecommons.org.



Feed the Hungry

Kountze Love Thy Neighbor food pantry is a guest choice pantry that demonstrates respect for guests and decreases waste by allowing individuals to choose the food they receive.



Heal the Sick

The Healing Gift Free Clinic is a volunteer-driven health clinic with a fully licensed pharmacy. The Methodist Community Health Clinic provides specialized low-cost medical care.



Tend the Soul

Lutheran Family Services has therapists who provide individual and family therapy, trauma care, crisis response, and post-crisis services.

Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center was created to serve our city's most vulnerable. An integrated care delivery model was formed to service the whole person through a partnership of four entities located in one building:

- Del and Lou Ann Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic and free pharmacy,
- Methodist Community Health Clinic,
- Lutheran Family Services behavioral health,
- Kountze Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry.

A typical vulnerable person faces multiple issues – chronic health issues overlaid with food insecurity and behavioral health challenges. The partnership provides services and a plan toward a sustainable path forward.

As a community center, we are also looking to collaborate and partner with other nonprofits, neighbors, and faith communities in order to better serve those in need. We have space available for use by nonprofits and community groups who share our mission.

2665 Douglas Street, Omaha

www.kountzecommons.org

If You are Hospitalized...



If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please be sure to let the church office know at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org.

Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound



After the 11 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

August 16, 2026 - September 15, 2026

Weddings:

Madelyn Hinrichs & Christopher DeWald, August 29

Funerals:

Wanda Frykberg, August 29

KMLC Book Group

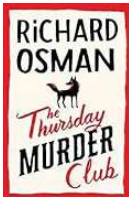
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Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, October 11

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

(the #1 book in the Thursday Murder Club series)



The Thursday Murder Club is the first in a five book murder series by British author Richard Osman. It is a clever, laugh-out loud, suspenseful novel set in a retirement residence village in England. Four, septuagenarian residents are members of the Thursday Murder Club who meet weekly to review old unsolved police crimes. After a murder occurs near their residence, the group begins to solve a real murder case. The charming members of the group are Elizabeth, a retired spy, Joyce, a former nurse who keeps a journal of their progress, Ibrahim, a retired psychiatrist, and Ron, a former feisty union leader. Readers find this series of murder mysteries very entertaining and a tribute to the older population. Please join us for fellowship and discussion.

Men's Lunch - Octoberfest!

Thursday, October 15

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Join us for another great time of food, fun, and friendship. Jim always keeps us guessing with his menus—whether it's brats, sauerkraut, or something completely unexpected, it's sure to be delicious!

Please sign up by Tuesday, October 13 by calling the church office or emailing jim@kmlchurch.org. You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk. Bring a friend. Lederhosen not required.



I would like to thank Sheila Valquier for beautifying the Fellowship Hall for the fall season. Her willingness to help is much appreciated. Sheila is a woman of many wonderful talents and she serves the church faithfully.

In deep appreciation,

Vicki Freeman

WELCA Board Member, Mission in Growth

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



Sunday School

10:10 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

Join us in the 2nd Floor Sunday School Rooms where the children will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others through art, games,

storytelling, and missions. The kids can enjoy the same breakfast upstairs that is being served in the fellowship Hall while listening to the lessons of the day. If you would like to support the Sunday School with donations of juice boxes or individual milk cartons, we would appreciate it and will be serving those with the breakfast.

If you are interested in supporting our Sunday School children by volunteering, we still need your help! The Sunday School students are looking for volunteers to teach and assist with weekly classes. We have three levels of Elementary classes, in addition to a preschool room, that need your support. Sign up to teach a class or two by using the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/37t5msmw>

Sunday School Volunteer Opportunity



Do your talents lie in the theatre arts? Barb Carlsen and Kristin Boe are looking for volunteers adept at costume design and directing skills. A couple parents to help with lining up is also needed. Thank you for considering!

Children's Choir

Sundays, 9:15 AM (following 9 AM

Children's Blessing)

2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room

Grades K-6

All children in grades K-6 are encouraged to sing in our Children's Choir. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Barb in the church office at 402-341-7761.



First Communion Class

Sunday, October 11

11 AM

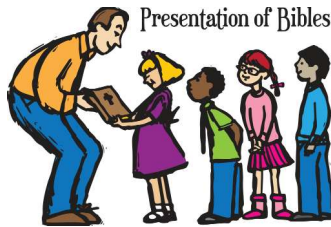
We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge to share a light lunch and learn about several ways God has shared meals with his faithful servants. The class then moves up to the Sanctuary where Pastor Hall explains the



alter linens and communion vessels before practicing how to take communion.

Children that have shown interest in Communion who are around 7 years of age or second grade, are encouraged to attend.

First Communion will be held on October 25. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall, or by communicating with Kristin at kristin@kmlchurch.org.



Presentation of Bibles

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 25

October 25, Reformation Sunday, is also Bible Sunday for our youth. This is a well loved tradition where the youth of Kountze Memorial receive an an

age-appropriate Bible thanks to the generous support from donations for Bibles. Children aged 2 and 4, plus those in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 receive a Bible each year. All students are invited to lead the choir into church at the start of the 9 AM service to receive a blessing for their Bibles and will then join their parents.

There will not be Sunday School this Sunday. The students are encouraged to eat breakfast in the Fellowship Hall with their parents to celebrate First Communion with their peers. Pre-school will be held for the service only.

Confirmation Classes

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

(93rd & Dodge)

Wednesdays

Dinner: 5:45 PM

Class: 6:05 - 7:30 PM



Confirmation Movie Night

A Spooktacular Announcement

Sunday, October 25 (Reformation Sunday)

3 PM - 6 PMish

Immanuel Lutheran Church

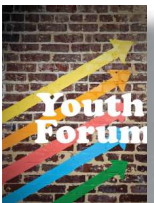
104 Galvin Rd N, Bellevue

Mark your calendar for Movie Night! Omaha Collaborative Confirmatoin has a special event planned. We will gather at Immanuel Lutheran Church for a film screening, pizza, popcorn, and fun! Our goal is to educate a bit about the historical struggle that led to the Protestant Reformation and the reason why our churches are called "Lutheran." This gathering will replace our regular Wednesday session, so we will not be meeting on October 28 – sessions will continue on November 4.

Rally Sunday



Please save the date and plan to attend if you can. This is open to families as well as students. (Actually, there's nothing spooky about it. Just an association with the day of commemoration correlating with All Hallows' Eve, and an awareness of how history has shaped our language and traditions...)



Sundays, 10:15 AM

Youth Center

Grades 7-12

Grab breakfast and a friend and join Sheila Valquier in the Youth Center each week during the Sunday Faith Formation hour.



Youth Haunted House Night

KMLC youth, are you up for a fall-tastic event? Come join us for a haunted house experience. Watch for more information soon. Come be filled with the Spirit, not with fear!"

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

October 1 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 2 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 3 Saturday

Homebound Communion

10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals @
St. Cecillas

5:00 PM Worship

October 4 Sunday

Pentecost 19

Homebound Communion

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

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

9:30 AM Kountze Café - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

10:15 AM New Member Class

7:00 PM St. Francis Peace Service @
Trinity Episcopal

October 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

October 7 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

5:45 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

October 8 Thursday

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 9 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 10 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 11 Sunday

Pentecost 20

Receive New Members

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

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

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

9:30 AM Kountze Café - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

11:00 AM First Communion Class

12:15 PM Book Group

October 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 13 Tuesday

Lutheran Women of Omaha

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

October 14 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group

12:15 PM Worship

3:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese

Manor

5:45 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

October 15 Thursday

Council Reports Due

Good News Deadline

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

October 16 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 17 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

5:00 PM Trunk or Treat

October 18 Sunday

Pentecost 21

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

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

9:30 AM Kountze Café - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

October 19 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 20 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

October 21 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

5:45 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

October 22 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 23 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 24 Saturday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Congregational

Council Retreat

5:00 PM Worship

October 25 Sunday

Reformation

Bible Sunday

First Communion

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

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

9:30 AM Kountze Café - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

10:10 AM Adult Forum

3:00 PM Confirmation Movie Night

@ Immanuel in Bellevue

October 26 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

11:30 AM Endowment Board

October 27 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

9:00 AM Good News Assembly

12:30 PM Circle 3

October 28 Wednesday

No Confirmation

12:15 PM Worship

October 29 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 30 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 31 Saturday

Halloween

5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, November 1



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

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





Birthday Blessings

1. Meghan Gunia, Mason Szymczak, Larry Camenzind, Heather McShane, Michelle Shively, Henry Walz, Duane Hovendick, Steven Lamphere
2. Rodney Edwards, Ardell Hobscheidt
3. Neal Von Seggern, Cody Hiatt, Dana Boden
4. Gail Durbin, Brian Reilly, David Clarke, Joshua Burt, Emilia Windom, Nicole Peterson, Jack Wiese
5. Tony Gustin, Diane Rasmussen, Angela Carlson
6. Carly Costanzo
7. Kathryn Geiger, Molly Ohm, Corinna Osborne, Mary Jo Fike, Ken Kendall, Julie O'Doherty, Stephanie Stephens
8. Greg Classen, Gary Bannick, James Gleason, Roger Waller
9. Tina Broekemeier, Carly Brown, Bob Danenhauer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Janet Mason
10. Charles Maaske, Kassie Kjeldgaard, Myrna Esluer, Julie Dragon, Sophia Dragon, Barb Nissen
11. Dori Harshbarger
12. Warren Cooke, Gail Nielsen, Shayne Fili, Samantha Kooienga, Michael Vutov
13. Nathan Hagge, Carmel Sieberson, John Martens, Mathew Kudym
14. Bob Fonda
15. Haley Luczynski, Ryan Kosola, Emma Link, Suzanne Choiniere, Amy Dyer
16. Antonio Costanzo, Julee Schroeder, Sarah Kellams, Keith Jansen, Kenneth Bailey
17. Elizabeth Morse, Rick Hagge, Steve Coufal, Thomas Nippert, Hunter Myers
18. Linda Rosenberg, Ryan Gardner, Jonathan Fischer, Marilyn Oldaker, Dawn Hiatt, Robert Matuszeski
19. Matthew Hagge, Marie Clymer
20. Lin Sheely, Jon Natvig, Robert Ranney, Dave Klug, Allison Russell, Ranae Gardner, Lisa Bladt
21. Sarah Brumfield, Jim Comfort, Bentley Baker
22. Misty Parker, Anna Kotula, Gena Reynoldson, Isaac Russell, Sydney Theisen, Sandee Goermar
23. Olivia Baker, Brad Madison, Ryan Miller
24. Ron Frykberg, Cat Fonda, Emily Christensen, Vicki Siderewicz
25. Dean Bard, Mark Kidder, Jon Vawter, Jorge Valquier-Cruz, Lindsey Natvig
26. Jennifer Misbach, Caden Sievers, Amanda Schneiderman, Courtney Cameron, Alicia Brommer, Mary Jane Petersen, Juan Menchaca
27. Cody Senn, Catherine Christine Zinnecker, Annette Worley, Teri Meyer
28. Jonathan Sarich, Dana Spier, Paul Sum, Paul Swanson, Jonathan Capps
29. Margo Ward, Ted Greguska, Melissa Walker, Robert Sundell
30. William Fogle, Pj Nagy, Chel Hrdlicka
31. Steven Hirsh, Ryan Lampman, Thomas Haynes, Lynne Mosiman, Mary Taylor

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 8/1/2026.....	\$582,906.82
Principal Payment, 8/1/2026	\$3,786.59
Interest Payment, 8/1/2026.....	\$1,918.41
Balance, 9/1/2026	\$579,120.23

Finances: August, 2026

	August		Year-to-Date	
Total General Fund				
Income:	\$	65,503.60	\$	669,469.16
Expenses:				
Mission Support	\$	4,583.50	\$	36,667.68
Faith Formation	\$	(10,294.66)	\$	5,575.31
Facility Costs	\$	24,247.00	\$	133,841.00
Staff Comp & Ben	\$	67,870.36	\$	553,823.66
Worship & Music	\$	2,563.63	\$	26,234.24
Office & Admin	\$	3,537.97	\$	25,252.98
Membership	\$	803.73	\$	9,577.21
Finance	\$	-	\$	-
Leadership	\$	-	\$	3,978.11
Justice & Mercy	\$	-	\$	39.15
Total Expense:	\$	93,311.53	\$	501,728.15
Total Net Income:	\$	(27,311.53)	\$	(125,520.18)

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Rev. H. Ashley Hall, Ph.D., Associate Pastor

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



Pantry Wish List

These Items are always needed in our Pantry

- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Maseca (flour for corn tortillas)
- Sugar
- Condiments
 - Ketchup
 - Mustard
 - Pickle Relish
 - BBQ Sauce
- Crackers (soup)
- Jell-o
- Pudding
- Cake Mixes
- Brownie Mixes
- Muffin Mixes
- Granola Bars
- Spices (all kinds)
- Grape Juice
- Apple Juice
- Peanut butter
- Soup
- Cereal
- Dish Soap