

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**O God our Help in ages past ...
our Hope for years to come!**

The first line of that great hymn is a confession of faith. It is an appropriate confession as we move from one year to another. Yet such movement is significant only because of the way we mark time, noting month, day, and year. Truth is, every day we have the past ... and every day we have hope for tomorrow. It does not matter if it is December 31st or January 1st.

It is often difficult to perceive God's help in the present. We see more clearly God's hand in our lives when we reflect on what has been, what has happened in our lives. Yet, as we read in the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1), "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Just because we cannot always perceive God's help does not mean God's help is not there. By faith alone we venture into the future. We do so confident that God is with us always.

A prayer from our hymnbook, **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** (p. 304) sums this up quite nicely. It is worth memorizing and praying each day:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

... only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. That reflects the confession of faith in we sing in the hymn mentioned above. It is a theme that dominates Scripture. The Apostle Paul asserts it boldly (Romans 8: 35, 37-39): "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

As we start a New Year ... but more importantly, as we start each and every day ... we affirm God's faithfulness to us as we venture forth into the future. No matter what may happen in our lives, we live knowing that our God is with us always.

Pastor Olaf

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 28
10:10 AM
Fellowship Hall

Join us to approve the 2018 Church Budget

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 on our website (www.kmlchurch.org). The Sunday bulletin is also available on our website.

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings.

A brief, spoken Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Rotunda.



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 now 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 and Eternal Candle 2018 Sign-up Sheets are Available

Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze by donating altar flowers or the eternal candle each week in 2017. Donating altar flowers 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.

The Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up is located in the Narthex, just before you enter the Sanctuary.



Worship Leader Training: Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM



Join us for training of Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers. All current servers and those who wish to serve in the future are encouraged to attend. Please call the church office to register.

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GROW with us...

Faith in Action A Kountze Choir Christmas Project T-shirts for Tamar



The Kountze Choir challenged itself to collect at least 50 T-shirts for The Friends of Tamar, which is an organization based at Trinity Episcopal Church and includes folks from several congregations. Twice a year the organization assembles 100 small bags of toiletries, including a sleep shirt, socks, and notebook which are donated to law enforcement and social service agencies to give to women escaping from abusive situations. The Kountze choir goal was surpassed!

To learn more about the organization, visit www.thefriendsoftamar.org.

Pastor's Class - Augsburg Confession Wednesdays, 1/3 - 2/7, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Augsburg Confession



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Pastor Olaf Roynesdal will be teaching a 6-week class on the Augsburg Confession (the Confessio Augustana) which is the foundational doctrinal document of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you need a copy of the Augsburg Confession, twenty copies have been ordered at a cost of \$13.00 each. You may use any edition of the Confession.

Please sign-up by calling/or e-mailing the church office. Indicate 1) whether you would like to purchase the book and 2) morning or evening class.

January Adult Forum

Join us Sunday Mornings in
the Fellowship Hall
10:10-10:50 AM

New Member Classes

Sunday, January 14 & 21
12:00 - 2:00 PM

Members received January 28.

If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next classes will be held January 14 & 21 from 12:00—2:00 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions.

Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare and if you have any food allergies.



Simply Giving Update for 2018 Pledge



If you have made a change to your pledge for 2018 and your offerings are made through Simply Giving, please be sure to contact the office to allow us to make that change. You may notify Lauri Askew

(402-341-7761 or lauri@kmlchurch.org) or just respond to this e-mail and we'll make that change for you.

SERVE with us...

Global Mission

Benson Area Refugee Task Force

I'd like to update everyone that Benson Area Refugee Task Force (BART) is still going strong. We still have three free clothes closets a year for the refugees. In November over 300 refugees came to the clothes closet. 400 new jackets were given out. This presently is being held at St. Paul Methodist Church at 54th and Corby.

A new program BART has started is called "Home Dish". Two to three refugee women make a meal for 15-20 women at \$50 a person. This is a fundraiser for the refugees, but also they share their story of their life. Cultural sharing strengthens the bond between the refugees and the American women. It is a blessed event for all.

BART has also started a mentoring program where you are teamed up with a refugee family to help them with their mail (it is SO hard for them to understand the mail that comes-bills, advertising etc) and language, along with the classes that they are taking, seeing if there are needs such as heat that has been turned off, or not understanding what goes in the freezer. If you have the time and think this would be something you have the time for call: Pastor Scott at St. Paul at 402-556-2433 or email BART at: Bensonrefugeetf@gmail.com.

Below are two little Karen refugees, DayKpruMoo_ and_WahEhSher_. Whoever donated blankets from our congregation-I'd like to thank you as these little girls were thrilled to get them for their extended family of 11 people. They just moved into their own home. They saved up to buy their home at 49 Ave and Ohio. You will keep this family warm this winter! Sunny Macomber, their mentor (holding some blankets), took them to the Nutcracker Delight Ballet and they got to sit on Santa's lap. This was truly a perfect day for them!



So thank you congregation-for your continued support. Everything you give to BART is 100% to the refugees.
Nancy Meyer

Epiphany New Year Home Blessing

In German and Scandinavian countries, it is an old Christian custom to bless homes on Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany (or Three Kings Day).

The family gathers at the front door, where the year and C + M + B is written over the door or on the door. The letters are initials of the Latin phrase, "May Christ bless this house" (Christus Mansionem Benedicat). However, because the blessing occurs on Epiphany (the last day of Christmas marking the visit of the Magi to Jesus), children are given a small gift (usually candy) and told that the three wise men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) visited in the night, signed their initials, and left a present.

You can celebrate this blessing yourselves on this festival day to mark the end of the Christmas season and

the beginning of a new calendar year, whether you live alone or with a large family.

You can make this blessing as simple or as intricate as you like; including the liturgical greeting (e.g. "The Lord be with you..."), a song or carol, Prayer of the Day for Epiphany, sprinkling the door or each room with water, readings (e.g. Matthew 2:1-12 or the start of John's Gospel, 1:1-14), Lord's Prayer, and/or incense (frankincense, of course!).

The core of the house blessing simply involves taking chalk (of any color) and gathering at the main door. You may write on the door or above the door: 20 + C + M + B + 18. As you do so, you or another may say:

"The three Wise Men—Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar—followed the



star to God's Son who became human two thousand and sixteen years ago. Thanks be to God! May Christ bless this home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen."

Indeed, may the light of Christ enrich our homes and all the people who dwell within, giving us and the guests who come the light, warmth and peace of the Holy Trinity, whose love is everlasting!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!

Confirmation Corner - For 7th and 8th Graders and Parents

Our weekly schedule resumes January 10:

6:00 - Gather for food and fellowship - the whole family is welcome

6:30 - learning with head and heart - led by Pastors Paul and Olaf

7:40 - Mid-week worship with Communion, in the Rotunda

The whole family is welcome - and everyone else!

Topics:

January 10 - The Apostles' Creed: What's a creed? And, so what?

January 17 - The Apostles' Creed: Article 1, The issue is Who?

January 24 - The Apostle's Creed: Article 2, What is Jesus? and Why?

January 31 - The Apostle's Creed: Article 3, Where is God now?

February 7 - Go in peace and... Living the faith



Parents - and All Adults! Thank you to all who participated in the Table Conversations about youth ministry, on December 10. I especially appreciate the responses to the question \ When did you feel you were grown up? Several years ago I can across a study that showed the powerful impact of the rituals that tell an adolescent when she/he is grown up. Some of these are formal and public, like gaining a driver's license or high school graduation. Some are subtle but equally - maybe more - important. These include decisions about where our children will be on Sunday morning or Wednesday night. Our congregation may not be able to counter the accolades given to youth sports in the newspaper, but we - you! - can talk with our middle-school and high-school members. You can praise their sense of accomplishment and empathize with their feelings of discouragement. Any time you make an effort to ask and listen, you are helping give a sense of growing up.

Pastor Paul

Congregational Game Night

Saturday, January 27, 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall

Monopoly, Jenga, Scrabble, Catchphrase, Gin Rummy...what's your game? We will have them all! Join us for conversation, community, and a little competition at the Congregational Game Night.

Pizza, salad, and beverages will be provided. Bring a dessert or snack to share.

Have a fun game? Bring that as well! All ages welcome.

RSVP to the church office by Friday, January 26.



Sunday School

Sundays beginning January 7

The Sunday School rotational lessons will begin a six week study of The Lord's Prayer. "Teach Me to Pray" has six workshops: art, cooking, science, music, movie, and games. Each workshop features an element of prayer. The children will learn to praise God for being a wonderful and powerful creator; tell him about their sins, thank God for all the things he does and gives to us, and then ask God to help us and others. They will learn that Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer so we would know how to pray. In addition, we will be learning Bible verses and the Books of the Bible. It will be fun, informative, and full of worship!



Children's Music - see page 8



NEWS & Notes...



November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM, with devotions and a word of prayer from Steve Jacobson. Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and accepted. The October Financial Report was presented. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Staff reports were reviewed and accepted.

KMLC is readying for the Advent season.

Things continue to go well with Sunday School and plenty of volunteers to help with classes and the upcoming Christmas program.

Selections for health insurance plans are coming up. We anticipate a modest 4 percent increase in premiums. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to maintain the present selection of benefits at the percentage increase stated.

A grant application for the Healing Gift Free Clinic and the pantry was proposed. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved for clinic and pantry to pursue the grant and for the grant monies to be directed to clinic and pantry.

Repairs on Boiler No. 2 are complete. We have contacted a company specializing in stained glass repair to discuss repairs to the dome and other areas. Work on Pr. Roynesdal's bookcases has begun. Kiewit is completing a small property assessment. It looks like there may be some pitting in the new concrete. Will make inquiries.

The Alternative Gifts ministry is

up and running through Dec. 24. We will have an advertisement in the Christmas Worship section of the World-Herald, coming out the first week of December. It is generally agreed that the process was enjoyable, and the sermons spot on for the season.

Jill Gittler will join Tom Steffen as an Order of St. John sponsor for 11 AM service. Christmas Eve regular Sunday services: only one 9 AM service in the morning, followed by the usual 4 PM, 7 PM, and 11 PM Christmas Eve worship services.

Pr. Moessner convened a meeting of the task force on Nov. 19 and handed out assignments to the task force members to visit with other area youth directors and past KMLC youth directors.

Sheila Valquier is willing to host a youth get-together to discuss programming. Marcia Roynesdal has also offered her services, having worked with high school youth at previous churches.

With proposed fixes to stained glass and the sanctuary ceiling, Endowment is planning for a disbursement of about \$210,000 and the church may need to look at a loan for property repairs. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved to forgive a \$260,000 loan from KMLC to Kountze Endowment True Visions, LLC, which is owned by the Endowment Board. Endowment looking to put together a small pamphlet to educate members on making estate plans or bequests.

Mudjacking will take place to level sidewalks around deFreese Manor. A designer has been brought on board to talk about modernizing kitchens at deFreese Manor. As of Nov. 16, the Healing Gift Free Clinic is now housed in the new building. There's a lot of enthusiasm among both guests

and volunteers. Clinic has received a \$5,000 grant from Immanuel Vision. A \$50,000 grant from an anonymous benefactor has also been received to help pay for medications. An application for 501(C)3 nonprofit status is expected to be filed soon.

The KETV, LLC Management Board is currently discussing cost overruns on the new building project that are to be absorbed by Kiewit. Marilyn Oldaker has been appointed to the board to take the seat of Bob Siffring. Pr. Hall will develop a taskforce to look at filling the new building with artwork.

Copies of proposed constitutional changes have been handed out to the Council. The question is whether to mail or email said changes to members, or otherwise make the revised document available. We would like to be as transparent as possible in the process. These changes will allow us to shore up some rounded corners in governance, enshrine more transparency in decision making. Pr. Moessner has created a summary and matrix to condense the changes made.

An anonymous foundation has provided a \$500,000 donation toward the new KMLC building and its work. The hope is that more foundations might be interested in giving with such a major gift.

We are expecting to start a campaign soon to help pay down the debt incurred from the project. Hopes are that a matching campaign might have the best possibility of success.

Pr. Roynesdal has assembled a marketing taskforce that will meet in December. The taskforce will discuss ways of furthering the Kountze name and mission in the area.

Given the recent church shooting in Texas, the issue of security has been much on the minds of parishioners.

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Security at church, along with at the Clinic and food pantry, is a growing topic of conversation. Council agreed to look into some form of readiness/response training, either through our insurance carrier or local law enforcement. The balance is in being safe, but also an immanently welcoming place in all our worship and community outreach.

A conversation was held on the efficacy of either charging non-members for weddings or perhaps encouraging them to become members through new member education.

It was agreed to move the meeting of the Council's executive committee to Sundays preceding the Council meeting at 10:30 AM.

Terrie Larkowski said numbers are coming together for the budget to be presented in January. An internal audit of the last three years also is being undertaken.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council immediately and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:17 PM, with the Lord's Prayer.

The next regular KMLC Council meeting is Dec. 19 at 6:30 PM. An executive committee session will take place at 10:30 AM, Sunday, Dec. 17.



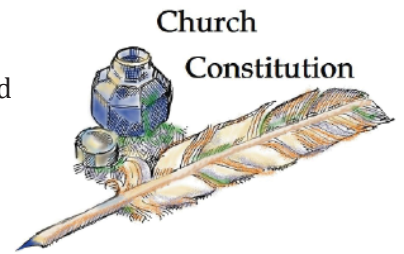
I want to thank the Pastors, the Office Staff, the Women's Prayer Group, the Prayer Chain, The Newsletter Crew, and Congregation for all the prayers, visits, calls, cards, and hugs while I was in the hospital and recovering. I am truly blessed to belong to such a caring church.

Karen Bonneau

Constitution Update

Constitution of our Congregation:

- Your Council recommends revisions based on changes proposed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- You may find the previous and the proposed constitutions, as well as a summary comparison on the website: kmlchurch.org, under "About us." You may also contact the office to receive a paper copy.
- We will have a chance to review the new constitution at the Adult Forum on January 14.
- A vote on the constitution will be part of our Annual Meeting – January 28, 2018.
- We are not revising the by-laws at this time. That is our next step as part of a process of discerning our mission, God's preferred and promised future for Kountze.



A congregation's governing documents provide a pathway towards fulfilling the mission. We might say that the Constitution and By-Laws are to provide the skeleton which the Spirit will use so the flesh and breath to the Body of Christ can faithfully work. Or, we might consider this in a way similar to our Lutheran understanding of the uses of the law, specifically as a curb. A good curb is part of a road that guards against the dangers of going off the path yet, perhaps more importantly, does not impede good travel along the way.

It is important that we see the organizational structure in unity with the Congregation's spiritual purpose. Motions and minutes, budgets and priorities are an essential part of being the Body of Christ in the world. When working well, the governing documents are essentially unseen as the congregation moves forward on the mission to which it has been called by its Lord.

In our ELCA, there is a "model" constitution for Congregations. This model includes sections that are required and marked with an asterisk, such as Confession of Faith, Powers of the Congregation, Church Affiliation and Property Ownership. (This last one has evolved over time and reflects differing views on the relation of the congregation to the wider church. That is an interesting look into church history – or church fights.) Some portions are suggested or offer variations. In its Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA may make changes to the model constitution. In the most recent model revision, for example: we now use the terms Minister of Word and Sacrament and Minister of Word and Service – the two titles designating "rostered leaders". While this does not affect the congregation currently, there may be good effect as the staff evolves. There are a couple of aspects that need reconsideration and revision based on best practices and current procedures of this congregation.

Part of the work of a transitional pastor is to help the congregation have its governing documents in order. Pastor Bard assigned this task to me. I enjoyed working with the ad hoc committee of Dale Broeckemeier, Scott Henneman, and Marylin Oldaker. A separate group, worked with Gary Clatterbuck to review the chapter on the Endowment Fund. I am glad to discuss any aspect of this, the details or the broad perspective. Please contact me with your questions and concerns. I look forward to our discussion on January 14.

Pastor Paul Moessner

Children's Music:

The reviews are in! The Children's Christmas Program "Follow the Star" was a success. Parents, grandparents and other worshipers offered appreciative comments. The December 17th program involved thirty-two children, preschool through seventh grades. Thank you to volunteers Judy Boelts, Becky Brusky, Jean Johnson, and Anita Morse. Thanks also to parents who shuttled their children to special Saturday rehearsals. I appreciate and thank my colleague Kristin Boe, Coordinator of Christian Education, who managed costumes and props among other duties.

Our next Sunday School rotation begins January 7. The music portion will include "The Lord's Prayer" as a children's song as well as favorite Bible songs. Watch for information coming soon regarding a children's choir.

~Donna Moessner, Director of Children's Music



Saturday, January 20, 2018, 11 AM Carol Joy Holling Camp, Ashland NEW in 2018: 1 mile walk, 5K or 10K runs

This winter event is packed with adventurous running, wonderful Lazlo's food, amazing Empyrean beer and a FREE stocking hat! You don't want to miss this one.

Funds raised from this event support the camp scholarship fund at Carol Joy Holling Camp. No child is ever turned away because they can't afford the fee. In 2018, around 300 kids will attend camp with scholarship support.

Register before December 15 and use promo code "EARLYBIRD" to get \$5 off at <https://www.classy.org/event/empyrean-trail-run/e144743>.



If You are Hospitalized...



If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please be sure to let the church office know, at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org. The pastors, eucharistic ministers or altar guild (flower deliveries) would be more than happy to call on you at any time. Thank you.

Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound

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



Contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or via email at info@kmlchurch.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Blood Pressure Checks

Saturday, January 6
4:30-5:00 PM
Bride's Room near Sanctuary

Sunday, January 21
10:00-11:00 AM
Fellowship Lounge



Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Yesterday's Youth

Just a reminder that we will not meet in January or February due to possible weather conflicts. See you again on March 6!

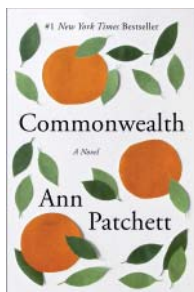


Women's News

- A big thank you to all the women who provided cookies for the Advent Fair and the Advent Dinners. It is much appreciated.
- Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at noon on January 9, 2018 at Rejoice Lutheran Church at 2550 South 138th Street. The program will be Martin Luther and Katie. If interested in going, please call Carole @ 402-339-2056 by January 7.
- The next W-ELCA Board Meeting will be January 11 at 9:30 AM.

Book Group

Sunday, January 14, 12:00 PM



Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. One Sunday afternoon in Southern California Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children. Told in humor and heartbreak is a meditation on inspiration and the ownership of stories. Join us for a discussion of this book.

KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, January 18, 11:30 AM
At Kountze Memorial – Cost \$10

Jeff Senn will tell of his work with the brand new Hope Lodge, part of the work of the American Cancer Society.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 16, to the church office or Pastor Paul (402-341-7761 or paul@kmlchurch.org).

Pastoral Acts

(November 16 – December 15)

Baptisms:

Milo Joseph Sedlak, November 19, 2017
Oscar Stuart Sedlak, November 19, 2017
Nicolas Alejandro Valquier, November 26, 2017

Funerals:

Beverly Bauermeister, December 8, 2017

Calendar...



January 1 Monday

New Year's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

January 2 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

January 3 Wednesday

10:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

January 4 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Worship & Music

January 6 Saturday

Epiphany
Homebound Communion
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

January 7 Sunday

Baptism of Our Lord
Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU

January 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

January 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

January 10 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
10:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
6:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
7:00 PM Worship
7:30 PM Closing Worship

January 11 Thursday

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

January 13 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

January 14 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:30 PM Executive Committee
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM Book Group
12:00 PM New Member Class
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU

January 15 Monday

Good News Deadline
Martin Luther King, Jr.
OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 PM Clinic Board

January 16 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:30 PM Church Council

January 17 Wednesday

10:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
6:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
7:00 PM Worship
7:30 PM Closing Worship

January 18 Thursday

Council Reports Due
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

January 20 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
5:00 PM Worship

January 21 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM New Member Class
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU

January 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
12:00 PM Endowment Board
5:30 PM KETV Board
7:00 PM Taize Service @ St. John's

January 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Circle 3

January 24 Wednesday

10:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
6:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
7:00 PM Worship
7:30 PM Closing Worship

January 25 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

January 27 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship
5:30 PM Congregational Game Night

January 28 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Receive New Members
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Annual Meeting
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU

January 29 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

January 30 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

January 31 Wednesday

10:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
6:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
7:00 PM Worship
7:30 PM Closing Worship



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2. Georgia Severson, Richard Stawniak, Joyce Templeton
3. Barbara Donelson, Morgan Gardner, Tyler Hiatt, Barbara Rassfeld
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Lutheran Campus Ministry



“Omaha Metro Lutheran Campus Ministry” is a great place for young adults to check out after

they graduate high school and start thinking that they are now too old to hang out with their church youth group. The group for recent high school graduates and/or undergraduate students at any of the Omaha colleges or universities is called NeMO, which stands for Nebraska Metro Omaha campus ministry. This group meets regularly on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8:30 at Jones Brothers Cupcakes in Aksarben Village on 67th Street for time of games, sharing, Bible study,

planning, and cupcakes!

The campus ministry group for people who have graduated college and are working in the area is called God & Grads and is composed of teachers, businessmen and women, and church volunteers. God & Grads meets once a month at Urban Abbey on a Sunday afternoon to share and make plans for their activities. Search Facebook to find the group “God & Grads” for upcoming events.

Omaha Metro Lutheran Campus Ministry is part of Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry (NeLCM) and is staffed by part-time Lutheran Campus Pastor Jim Holthus. He can be reached at lootr@hotmail.com. Thanks for your continuing prayers for the young adults in the Omaha area, for your continued encouragement of young adults to “check us out”, and for the financial support given by individuals and congregations which enables this ministry to continue.”

KMLC College Scholarships

The KMLC Scholarship Program makes scholarship funds available to any eligible college-bound student member. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university or seminary may submit an application. Additional eligibility requirements are noted on the application.

Applications can be picked up after the first of the year in the Church Office, or downloaded at www.kmlchurch.org.

Applications are due March 1. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted.

Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable, and recipients must re-apply each year.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at 402-341-7761.

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