

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Being Lutheran Together

Lent 2018 in Omaha's "Non-suburban" Congregations

For over 160 years, Lutherans have been actively serving in Omaha. So much has changed in that time: Continual movement to the west; types of jobs; waves of new ethnic groups; activities and values for children and adults; and much more. What role do congregations – planted more than a century ago – have in God's mission in this place today?

Seven congregations in Omaha's urban core have been asking that question together. To help seek God's answer, we will share this season of Lent guided by the theme, Being Lutheran Together. The topics are based on material that will be used throughout the Nebraska Synod.

Here, we will get to meet lay-leaders and pastors from our partner congregations. Each congregation will hold mid-week Lenten worship in their customary manner. The topic for the evening will be presented by these teams of lay-leader and pastor from the various congregations. Our goal is to encourage one another as we learn the unique story and ministry of each congregation. And, as we know more about one another we will be strengthened in our mission together.

The Congregations:

- Augustana traces its ministry to Immanuel Church, founded in 1868
- Bethel, 1916
- First, 1872
- Grace, 1889
- Kountze Memorial, 1858
- St. Luke, 1905
- St. Matthew, 1929

This represents almost 900 years of ministry! And, we are confident God still has work for us to do in our unique settings.

The topics (from the material prepared by the Synod) are:

- February 21 – Faith Alone, presented by First
- February 28 – Grace Alone, St. Luke and Grace (of course)
- March 7 – Scripture Alone, St. Matthew
- March 14 – To the Glory of God Alone, Augustana
- March 21 – The Gospel-Evangelical Alone, Bethel

Here at Kountze mid-week worship will be at 12:15 and 7:00 PM. Join us each Wednesday during Lent from 6 – 7 PM for a meal. Our Ash Wednesday worship will be a time to receive the ashes of repentance and the word of God's forgiveness.

We look forward to a season of growth in faith as hear of God's faithfulness through the work of our partner congregations.

Pastor Paul Moessner

Lent at Kountze

Wednesdays: February 14 (Ash Wednesday), 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, and Thursday, March 29 (Maundy Thursday)

Dinner: 6 -7 PM

Worship: 12:15 PM and 7 PM

Cost: Free-will Offering

All KMLC children, youth, friends, and families are invited to join us for lunch and/or dinner Wednesdays during Lent Bring your family and celebrate your Lenten journey at Kountze Memorial this year!



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

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, Greeters, and Ushers. All current servers and those who wish to serve in the future are encouraged to attend. Please call the church office (402-341-7761) to register.

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GROW with us...

Faith in Action Children's Christmas Program

The reviews are in! The Children's Christmas Program "Follow the Star" was a success. Parents, grandparents and other worshippers 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 began 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



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

February 18 TBA
February 25 Guest Speaker President Jodi Horner of Midland University

Augsburg Confession



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Confessio_Augustana_Speyer.jpg

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal will continue teaching a 6-week class on the Augsburg Confession (the Confessio Augustana) which is the foundational doctrinal document of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

February Adult Forum

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

January 28 Congregational Meeting
February 4 Omaha Lutheran Campus Ministry with Pr. Jim Holtus
February 11 Lent Preview of Services and Synodical Theme

Baptism Seminar Noon, Sunday, March 11

Meet with Pr. Hall in the Nave immediately after the liturgy, and then he will walk through the liturgy. To register, call the church office at 402-341-7761.



First Communion Class Sunday, March 18, 12:00 PM



Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 PM. A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

SERVE with us...

Youth Ministry Task Force

Interim Report

Thank you for your continuing support for faith formation for all ages at Kountze Memorial. Especially Thank you to all who participated in the December 10 Adult Forum on youth ministry. We have gathered the comments and impressions from our table discussions as well as the notes left on the “Parking Lot”.

Two points stand out. First, we do appreciate a positive attitude expressed in many ways. Second was the question about how much time this is taking. In our presentation we stated we anticipate advertising for the position in March. We hope our response, in this article, to this concern helps us move forward together.

Above all, we want to make sure we accomplish our task faithfully. The scope and expectations of this position have changed in recent years. Previously, the Youth Minister focused primarily on high school age, with some participation in Confirmation Ministry. There was also a part time director for children’s ministries, serving kids through elementary age. The position was changed to include all ages up through high school. In reviewing our history, we sought to understand the strengths and the limitations of both plans and to gain information about others.

With other staff changes during this time of transition, we need to learn how this might all fit together, including

the financial resources required and the description of responsibilities. Now we again have a part time Christian Education Coordinator.

We want to see how a new (possibly redefined) Director of Congregational Life might help support youth ministry. With plans for a Youth Minister position in the proposed budget, we can proceed. We continue to seek God’s guidance so the next chapter will result in faithful and fruitful ministry to and with our middle- and high-school members.

Perhaps the question of how much time this is taking reflects the concern about what is happening for our youth; is it enough. To be sure, a Youth Minister will add to what we can offer. However, youth ministry is happening. The relations that develop as adults contribute their time will have lasting benefit for both youth and adults. We invite you to be part of this.

If you are willing to help plan and/or host an event for our high school or middle school members, please contact the Task Force through paul@kmlchurch.org.

Your Youth Ministry Task Force



Worship Training

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM



Worship is central to the Christian life. For Lutherans, that means that Word and Sacrament are celebrated in a respectful and reverent manner that also remembers joy, peace, and hospitality.

It takes many hands to enable our worship. In particular, the 11 AM Mass is chronically short of Communion Assistants, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, and Sound Engineers. With a little bit of training and conversation, anyone can fill

these vital positions. Without such volunteers, many of the aspects of our liturgy—which so many of you and so many of our guests report to be vital and enriching—are impeded. Please consider volunteering in any one of the many available positions and attend the Worship Training Session on February 10 and/or speak to one of the Pastors.

All current servers, those who wish to serve in the future, or those who are interested in learning about serving, are encouraged to attend. Please call the church office to register. We will equip with everything you need and encourage you to let your service be an expression of worship.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!

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

Our weekly schedule Concludes on February 7:

- 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 31 The Apostle's Creed: Article 3, Where is God now?
- February 7 Go in peace and... Living the faith



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Our Confirmation Class will serve as Acolytes and Ushers for the Midweek services: February 21 and 28, March 7, 14, 21.

The Rite of Confirmation for 8th and 9th graders will be Sunday, April 8.
Pastor Paul



Progressive Dinner

Sunday, March 4

6th – 12th Graders

Watch for more details.

LYSO – Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha

June 11 – 15

Adults willing to help?! Contact Pastor Paul or Kirstin Boe.

Youth Gathering

This year's Summer Youth Trip is to Houston, Texas, to participate in the Youth Gathering. Every three years 30,000 plus high school youth and accompanying adults gather to worship, serve, and be part of a huge bunch of Lutherans. From Kountze Memorial, there are nine youth, accompanied by Shannon Picha and Pastor Paul. We are partnering with congregations from the urban core of Omaha to share a bus. Watch for more information, including opportunity to support this life-inspiring event.

Sunday School

"Through the month of February, children ages Kindergarten through 8th grade will be continuing the rotational workshops on The Lord's Prayer. We will then be learning about the meaning of Lent through workshops in art, music, cooking, video, science, and more.



Please join us at 10:10, in the Upper Rooms for fellowship and fun."

NEW Children's Choir at Kountze!

Sing For Joy We are forming a new Children's Choir, the JOYFUL SOUNDS Children's Choir, beginning February 4, 2018! This choir will be for grades 2 through 5 (readers). Preschool through first grade (and grades 2-5 that are not in choir) will continue with Kristin Boe for the Children's Sermon Lesson. Participation in the choir will be voluntary but encouraged. We will sing once a month during the 9 AM worship service, exact dates to be determined.

We understand the reality of family life in a downtown congregation makes the rehearsal time difficult. After conferring with parents and staff, a Wednesday evening rehearsal is implausible. So our solution is rehearsing on Sunday mornings, 9 AM in the Joyful Sounds Studio until the Passing of the Peace. All children will return to the nave in time to participate with their families during Holy Communion.

Please consider this opportunity for your children! Contact me with any questions. Let's make JOYFUL SOUNDS to the LORD!!

Joyfully yours,
Donna Moessner
Director of Children's Music



NEWS & Notes...



December 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The November financial report was presented, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Staff reports were reviewed and accepted.

Pr. Roynesdal reported the Christmas program was extraordinarily well received. Pr. Hall is in Chicago as a representative at the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue.

Pr. Moessner reported Donna Moessner was very appreciative of the support for the Christmas program. There may be an opportunity to collaborate with other area ELCA churches on youth programming and ministry. Work underway to understand how we can best learn from one another. A Lenten lay exchange among the congregations may help us reach that understanding.

Sunday School will resume on Jan. 14. The focus this rotation will be the Lord's Prayer.

Steve Jacobson reported on the upcoming slate of activities for 2018, including ways of securing more volunteers.

As of the meeting, 253 pledges have been collected for a pledged total of \$715,080. While the number of pledges is down, the average amount per pledge is up 20 percent.

A draft of the budget will be available for review in advance of the Jan. 27 congregational meeting.

The annual agreement with Cox

for broadcasting services is due. The price for 2018 is \$9,300, up about \$5 per week. The decision to accept the agreement was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved. Pr. Moessner reiterates that the TV ministry is a great tool for outreach.

The committee met this week to discuss salaries and staff bonuses.

Sanctuary structural assessment has been completed. A few firms have been lined up to look at the work to be done. We expect to have bids taken by March 1, with work to begin in the spring. There are some life/safety enhancements to be made, including safety lighting, exit signs, etc. Stained glass window repairs have not proved to be as costly as previously believed. The frames appear to be in good shape. Still waiting on bookcases for Pr. Roynesdal's office. A preventive maintenance assessment by Prairie Mechanical will be completed and thoroughly reviewed. Still in need of some boiler repairs.

The Alternative Gifts ministry is going well.

The ad for Christmas services appeared in the Omaha World-Herald. Pr. Roynesdal's suggestion that perhaps we advertise for the Candlelight Carol Sing in 2018 was well received.

The Candlelight Carol Sing went well, though there were no greeters. Some question as to how best to keep people who do not use email in the loop on church activities. Could we employ banners to announce major activities, such as the Carol Sing?

Healing Gift Medical Clinic is still in the process of moving. Some lighting issues in the clinic and pantry will be address

KETV, LLC Management Board will meet Dec. 21. Debt reduction

campaign strategies being discussed. Many thanks to Del Weber, Joyce Palmer, Bob Fonda, Jerry Fischer, Pr. Bard, Steve Coufal

Pantry Christmas gift bags were prepared on Dec. 11. 500 bags were prepared with bread, ham, and other foods for the season.

Marketing Task Force met and had a good conversation. All are looking forward to new ways forward in the new year on such topics as social media, signage, and online ministries.

Constitution: Conversation will take place at congregational meeting on Jan. 27. Some conversation about the role of deacons. The proper enshrining of the Endowment Board's bequests will be settled. The forum topic on Jan. 14 will be the proposed constitutional changes. Copies will be made available for those wishing to review. Many thanks to Pr. Moessner for his work on an arduous subject. The Council moved, seconded, and unanimously voted on accepting the proposed changes and presenting them to the Congregation.

The security seminar we wished to attend was already fully booked. Will try again.

Reports for the annual meeting must be received by Debbie Bogue no later than Jan. 22.

It was proposed by Ashley Sum, with the move of the executive session to Sundays, that the Council meeting be moved up to 6 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously accepted to do so.

There may be some talks on trimming items from the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council immediately and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15 PM, with the Lord's Prayer.

The next regular KMLC Council

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meeting is Jan. 16 at 6 PM. An executive committee session will take place at 10:30 AM, Sunday, Jan. 14.



Thank you for your great interest in our congregation's Constitution. Your desire that all go well is so valuable. As we did not have enough time to address the questions raised, we removed consideration from the agenda of our Annual Meeting. We will take more time for conversation about how a document like this supports the spiritual life of our congregation. Watch for further information in the Sunday bulletins and weekly emailed newsletters.

Pastor Paul

Pastor Hall as Visiting Faculty at the University of Cambridge

During the Easter Term (24



April through 1 July), Pastor Hall will be a Visiting Professor of the Divinity Faculty of the University of Cambridge (England). While there, he will conduct research on a new project related to both historic and ecumenical affirmations on the authority of Scripture. Afterwards, he will return to normal duties at Kountze Memorial and Creighton University.

New Rehearsal Time for the Children's Choir

Grades 2-5

Sundays, 9 - 9:30 AM

We are delighted to see the children's choir (covering grades 2-5) revived as an essential ministry of the congregation under the direction of new staff member Donna Moessner. She brings a rich experience of leading music education with young children.

Soon, a new rehearsal program will begin. Children in grades 2-5 who wish to participate will gather in the Joyful Sounds Room and rehearse from 9:00-9:30 AM. Participation is encouraged but not required. Parents should bring their children to the Joyful Sounds Room in time for rehearsal.

Kristin Boe will still lead a Children's lesson during the sermon. All children (children in the choir and/or those who went upstairs for the children's lesson) will return in time to join their families for Holy Communion. While this rehearsal time occurs during the first half of worship, it was the most plausible time for a rehearsal. This decision was not reached lightly nor without much consultation with parents, as well as the Worship and Music Committee, Christian Education Committee, and pastoral staff. We are still dedicated to the common statement of 2015 "Children in Worship" (<http://www.kmlchurch.org/children-in-worship-2/>).

We believe the new rehearsal is a blessing to our children and to our communal life together, as it will help prepare the youngest generation of the Church to be both better leaders of and participants in the foundation of faith: the praise and worship of God.



Ordination Service at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 11, 3:00 PM

We are honored to host the Service of Ordination for John Gok Badeng. John is serving Nile Lutheran Church, a congregation of South Sudanese in North Omaha. We will enjoy this time of praise and prayer with our sisters and brothers from Nile Lutheran Church and elsewhere. At this writing, we do not know what assistance we may be called on to give. For now, mark that date and time on your calendar.

Pastoral Acts

(December 16 - January 15)

Baptisms:

Lila Stone Fogleman, December 30, 2017

Emma Rae Garday, January 6, 2018

Belle Rose Clanton, January 14, 2018

Weddings:

Nathan Hagge/Amanda Filler, December 31, 2017

Funerals:

Evelyn Christensen, December 18, 2017

Reflections of Kountze Memorial

by Student Guests

Two professors at Creighton University, as part of the first core-course in Theology, require students to visit the worship service of a tradition other than the one in which they were raised. Kountze Memorial is presented to the students as one such option. One professor compiled a list of student responses after their visit to Kountze Memorial and sent them to us. We thought you would find their comments worthy of note:

- In general students were impressed with the warmth and hospitality of Kountze Memorial
- Students were also impressed with the engagement of the parishioners (singing, visible joy, etc.)
- The congregation seemed older and relatively homogenous to my students
- The liturgy was ... understandable for my students; most felt it was somewhat formal but more relaxed than Catholicism”

A few representative quotes from the papers:

“When I first sat down at the Lutheran church, I asked the young family nearby why this church was special to them. I was surprised to hear them say that they continue to come back because they can always take something away from the engaging homily each week. As I was leaving, I asked the senior citizen next to me the same question and he simply responded that the congregation was his second family and that

he always looks forward to mass each weekend.” – Catholic student, 1st-time attendee at KMLC

“I noticed that the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church displayed incredible hospitality, making me feel very welcomed and encouraged to attend mass.” – Catholic attendee

“The woman stated that she loved this church for the sense of community and the way that she always feels comfortable there.” – KMLC parishioner in response to student question

“Although, they were a close-knit community and I was new to the church; they welcomed me with open arms and were very friendly.” – 1st-time student attendee

“From reading the church’s website, it looks like it is welcoming to all, At the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, I was immediately greeted by a greeter when I entered and asked why I had come to this church. Being greeted like this made me feel more welcomed than at [name of other church omitted] where the greeter did not ask me why I had come to the church.” – Non-Christian Student, 1st-time Mass attendee

Campus Ministry Update



Seeing reference to both “Lutheran Campus Ministry-Creighton” and “Lutheran Campus Ministry-Omaha,” some have wondered what the relationship between them is and if Kountze Memorial is still involved in campus ministry.

In short, nothing has changed.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Creighton is still a ministry of the synod (Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry—NeLCM), which in turn depends on Kountze Memorial to let Pr. Hall organize and lead Sunday evening worship on campus. That is, the Nebraska Synod provides the authorization of our ministry at Creighton while Kountze Memorial provides the staff and resources to support that ministry.

The Creighton Office of Campus Ministry works with Pr. Hall to provide for the spiritual needs of Lutheran and

Protestant students on campus. Lutheran Campus Ministry-Omaha is also a ministry of the synod (also through NeLCM) that covers all other Omaha-area universities/colleges as well as the professional schools of Creighton. It is led by Pr. Jim Holtus of Trinity Lutheran.

Both Pr. Hall and Pr. Holtus report to the Board of NeLCM and, where and when possible, support each other in their ministry to serve the college students in their various settings. The ministry for undergraduates at Creighton remains the focus of support from Kountze Memorial. Through the Endowment Fund, Kountze Memorial has also supported NeLCM-Omaha and the Lutheran Center of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Through your generosity, you are supporting a vital mission of the Church!



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, February 3
4:30-5:00 PM
Bride's Room near Sanctuary

Sunday, February 18
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 February due to possible weather conflicts. See you again on March 6!

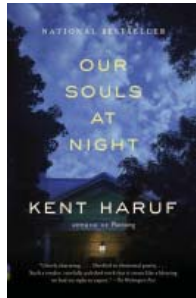


Women's News

- Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at noon at St. Michael Lutheran Church at 13232 Blondo Street on February 13, 2018.
- The program is the Bethlehem House as is the free will offering. If interested in attending, please call Carole at 402-339-2056 before Sunday, February 11.
- The Kountze circles meet at various times and days for Bible study, hospitality and service projects. If interested, call Carole at the above phone number.
- The WELCA Board will meet at 9:30am on February 8, 2018.

Book Group

Sunday, February 11, 12:00 PM



February's book is *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. The story is about Addie Moore & Louis Walters in their 70s, widowed with grown children living away from Holt, Colorado. Addie has a proposition for Louis, would he come over and spend the night? Not for sex, just conversation & comfort to fill the lonely nights. A beautiful story of second chances unfolds with pleasure & difficulties.

We will meet at the church for lunch (sandwiches from Jimmy Johns) and discussion of the book, then to Bookworm around 1:30 PM to make book selections for the rest of the year.

KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, February 15, 11:30 AM
At Kountze Memorial – Cost \$10

Dr. Steven Hinrichs will present on his work as Professor and Chair in the Department of Pathology and Microbiology at UNMC and the Director of the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory, and Director of the University of Nebraska Center for Biosecurity.

In his position as laboratory director he has been responsible for the development of a statewide program for the rapid identification of biological agents of mass destruction.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 13, to the church office or Pastor Paul (402-341-7761 or paul@kmlchurch.org).



Calendar...



February 1 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

February 3 Saturday

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

February 4 Sunday

Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Children's Choir (gr 2-5)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

February 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

February 7 Wednesday

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

February 8 Thursday

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

February 10 Saturday

10:00 AM Worship Leader Training
5:00 PM Worship

February 11 Sunday

Transfiguration of Our Lord
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 Children's Choir (gr 2-5)
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 Book Group
7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

February 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 13 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

February 14 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day
9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship

February 15 Thursday

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

February 17 Saturday

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

February 18 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 Children's Choir (gr 2-5)
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)
10:30 AM Executive Committee
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

February 19 Monday

President's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

February 20 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Property Committee
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Church Council

February 21 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship

February 22 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
8:15 PM Taize Service @ St. John's

February 24 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

February 25 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 Children's Choir (gr 2-5)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Altar Flower Delivery Meeting
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

February 26 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 27 Tuesday

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

February 28 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship



1. Nien Bol, Rachel Bruch, Barbara Carpenter, Matthew Friesner, Carol Hansen, Virginia Jensen, Christina Kilker, Jean Laughlin
2. Kathleen Bailey, Carolyn Ireland
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Nebraska Ministry Omaha (NeMO)



“Nemo” is the Lutheran Campus Ministry group in the Omaha metro area for young adults recently graduated from high school and for all students attending any colleges or universities in the Omaha area.

This group was busy in December and January as they hosted a Christmas party, made fleece blankets for Youth Emergency Services and took them to the YES drop-in center,

held their first meeting of the spring semester with a record 18 people present! and are planning a bowling outing for February.

NeMO meets on Thursday evenings at Jones Brothers Cupcakes on 67th Street in Aksarben Village at 7:00 PM. You can find info on the group on Facebook by searching for “Nemo” (Nebraska Metro Omaha Lutheran Campus Ministry.)

Pastor Jim Holthus, Omaha Metro Lutheran Campus Pastor 218-760-2028

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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Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9 AM Sunday service is
televised live on Cox Cable Ch. 13 and
live streamed on our website.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

Worship: 12:15 & 7:00 PM

Lenten Meal: 6:00 PM

**Our Ash Wednesday worship
will be a time
to receive the ashes
of repentance and
the word
of God's forgiveness.**