

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH GOOD NEWS

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Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

The Twenty-third Psalm is one of the most beloved passages of Scripture, perhaps second only to John 3:16. It has been memorized by countless disciples of Jesus Christ who see him as the shepherd, the Good Shepherd. It is a good psalm for our Lenten journey.

In the opening verses it seems we sheep are led down a primrose path: green pastures, still waters, soul restored. There are many times in life when all things are good. We know where we are heading. We enjoy the life we are living. We are blissful sheep.

Then comes the verse that speaks of the valley of the shadow of death. It is an acknowledgement that life is not always wonderful. There are difficult times. We wonder if we will ever be able to walk out of that valley. We sheep are threatened. Yet there is also the confession of faith: you, Good Shepherd, are with me (with all of us) each and every step of the way.

My favorite line though states: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. This is what Martin Luther says of this verse: "Here the prophet confesses frankly that he has enemies. He says, however, that he defends himself against them and drives them back in this way, that the Lord has prepared a table before him against these same enemies of his. Is not that a wonderful protector? I should think He would prepare before him a mighty wall, a strong rampart, a deep moat, an armor, and others arms and weapons that have to do with battle, through which he might be safe from his enemies or put them to flight. But He prepares a table before him, at which he is to eat and to drink and in this way to defeat his enemies." Our enemies are powerless as we sit and feast with the Good Shepherd as our Host!

If you haven't done so, memorize this Psalm. Simply read it over and over and over again, each day in Lent. You will quickly learn it and it will become a part of you.

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

Lent at Kountze Continues

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| Wednesdays: | 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.

March Adult Forum

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

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| March 4 | The Ministry of Deacons with Jean Johnson |
| March 11 | Review of Constitution changes |
| March 18 | Congregational Meeting |
| March 25 | Lenten Presentation from KMLC Team |
| April 1 | Easter (no Forum) |
| April 8 | Confirmation Reception |

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. 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.



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GROW with us...

Faith in Action Game Night

Thank you to everyone who participated in Game Night at KMLC. Pizza, snacks, and friendly competition were enjoyed by all!



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.



Order of Saint John Commissioning and Appreciation Lunch

When: April 15, 2018

Commissioning: 11:00 AM Worship Service

Luncheon: 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

Cost: Free



The OSJ Sponsors are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all current OSJ members, alums, and parents. Acolytes will take part in a special commissioning during the 11:00 AM worship service. Then, we will gather in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM for an appreciation luncheon and present the 2018 Outstanding Acolyte Award. A group photo will also be taken. Please plan to attend this event as we honor all those who serve in this very meaningful ministry. Make your reservations by calling or texting Jeff and Robin Perkins at 402-917-2461 by Sunday, April 8.

SERVE with us...



Administrative Assistant

With Amanda leaving her position as Administrative Assistant in the office on April 26, we are now looking for a new Administrative Assistant. It's a full-time position, Monday through Friday with benefits. The duties include answer phones, doors

and greet visitor, record address changes, new members, baptisms, marriages and funerals, preparing bulletins, copy, and distribute as necessary, and run copies of the monthly newsletter, help with mailings.

You would also take phone calls and make appointments for clinic patients, answer general clinic questions, log volunteer hours, clerical support for the clinic as well as cross train so as to be able to fill in when other Administrative Staff is out of the office or on vacation.

If you are interested, please talk to Pr. Olaf as soon as possible. If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please talk to them and have them call us.

We would like to have this person in place before Amanda leaves so she would be able to train you/them while she's here.

Nursery Help is Needed

If you would like to work with the youngest members of our congregation, please contact Kristin at kristin@kmlchurch.org or by calling the church office at 402-341-7761.

Worship Assistants Needed

Holy Week & Easter

We are in need of many Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes, and Communion Assistants during Holy Week and Easter. If you haven't signed up already, please call the church office and let us know when and where you are able to help. If you normally sign up on Sign-up Genius, that option is still available to you.

Thank you for helping to serve at Worship during this very special time in the church year.

Stephen Ministry

As we look at Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He calls us to follow his example and be deeply concerned about one another. Stephen Ministry is a ministry of compassion. It provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential way. If you would like to contact a Stephen Minister, please call Donna Reinig at 402-558-6352—or one of the pastors.

Daylight Saving Time Starts

March 11, 2018

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March, 10.



Special Congregational Meeting To Consider the Following Resolution

Sunday, March 18, 10:10 AM

BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Chapter 18 of the Constitution of Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church (the "Constitution"), the amendments to the Constitution as proposed by the Church Council and presented to the congregation for consideration at this meeting (the "Amended and Restated Constitution") be, and they hereby are, approved; that the Amended and Restated Constitution be brought before the congregation for ratification at the next regular meeting of the congregation; and that upon ratification the Amended and Restated Constitution shall become effective within 120 days from the date of receipt of notice of the amendments by the ELCA Nebraska Synod as required by Chapter 18 of the Constitution.



Congregational
MEETING

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!

Progressive Dinner

Sunday, March 4, 3:30 – 7
6th – 12th Graders

Meet at the home of Pastor and Marcia Roynesdal, 1544 South 126th Street (you may park in the driveway or on their side of the street).

After appetizers and main course elsewhere, we will return to the Roynesdal's for dessert.



Through workshops in Art, Games, Music, Science, and Video; we will study the last week Jesus lived on earth and his journey to the cross in order to show God's powerful love for us.

The following concepts will be explored:

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus came as a king of peace, not a king of war.
- In spite of danger, Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to teach God's message of love and forgiveness.
- God, through Jesus, offers forgiveness and new life to all people.
- God helps us make faithful choices.

We will meet each week at 10:10 AM in the Joyful Sounds Studio for singing and prayer before going to the rotating workshops. Leaders will accompany each class to their rooms after our initial gathering.

In addition to this exciting rotational learning experience, we will be completing a mission project for the Kountze Pantry guests. On March 18, we will be planting seeds to grow indoors through the spring. When the seedlings are ready, they will be given to the pantry guests who would like to grow their own vegetables at home. In addition, we will also be gathering canned and boxed goods to donate.

For further information, please contact Kristin at kristin@kmlchurch.org or by calling the church office at 402.341.7761.

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 twelve youth, accompanied by Shannon Picha and Pastor Paul. We are partnering with congregations from the urban core of Omaha to share a bus. You can learn more at <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>

We need your financial support. To be sure, there are costs for travel, lodging, and gathering the inspiring musicians and speakers. Your tax-deductible donation and your prayers will help each person experience this life-changing event. We will send you information during the Gathering and share our thoughts at the appreciation dinner afterward. We appreciate having donations by June 1. There is a form on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience. Thanks for helping in this way.

Sunday School

Children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to take a "Journey to the Cross" during the month of March.



JOYFUL Sounds Children's Choir

- For grades K-5
- Rehearses Sundays, 9-9:35 a.m. in the JOYFUL Sounds Studio upstairs.
- Join parents in time for communion.
- Will sing for worship services: March 4, March 25 Palm Sunday, April 1 Easter, and May 6. Meet before service at 8:40 a.m. to rehearse music in JSS.
- Questions? Contact Donna Moessner, Director of Children's Music Donna@KMLChurch.org



NEWS & Notes...



January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, with devotions and a word of prayer from Pr. Roynesdal. Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

The December financial report was presented. A motion was made to release funds from the sale of property to cover the year-end deficit which was seconded and accepted unanimously. The Council recommends seeking a \$500,000 line of credit for sanctuary repairs. The Congregation will be posed the question during the annual meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report. Staff reports were reviewed and accepted.

Our Lenten exchange series with seven other congregations in our area will begin soon. Traveling teams of congregants from KMLC, Bethel, St. Luke's/Grace, Augustana, St. Matthew's and First Lutheran will visit each church and deliver a message about what their church means to them, along with providing a meditation on a scripture reading that pertains either to the work of their church or moves them personally.

Pr. Hall will be taking a sabbatical at Cambridge University to work on a new book.

Kristin Boe calls special attention to the upcoming family game night, Jan. 27. Sunday School resumed Jan. 14. The focus this rotation will be the Lord's Prayer.

The Congregational Activities Committee is working to draft some sharing of responsibilities as we look

for a new Congregational Life Director. The idea is to take some responsibility off church staff and get greater volunteer involvement.

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

The Personnel Committee met this week to discuss salaries and staff bonuses.

Some figures are being put together on boiler repairs. A meeting with Kiewit and the Ray Martin Co. uncovered heating issues at Kountze Commons. There have been some lighting and water issues that are being addressed.

The Alternative Gifts Ministry raised \$8,412 during Advent. This is slightly down, but we were short a Sunday in a brief Advent season. The committee accepted donations to the clinic of \$1,750 and the pantry of \$1,750.

Dan & Shirleen Collett, and Alyssa Fial have done a wonderful job preparing meals and welcoming in the latest New Member Class. We expect to welcome 11 new members on Jan. 27.

Stewardship Committee reports the estimate from the budget is down slightly. Hoping to see some rebound.

An Usher/Greeter training session will be held Feb. 5.

Things continue trending in the right direction and there has been positive support for a Youth Minister. Shannon Picha will attend a Youth Ministry "Extravaganza" and report on findings from other congregations.

The Endowment Board will meet Jan. 17. Tax exempt status has been reinstated.

deFreese Manor is working on landscaping, concrete repairs and ceiling tile replacement as well as kitchen refurbishment. They met to

discuss staff raises and bonuses.

The Healing Gift Free Medical Clinic has received nonprofit designation from the state. Waiting to hear from IRS. Financials for the 2018 are looking better than anticipated. A committee charged with putting together artwork and other artful amenities at Kountze Commons is taking shape.

The KETV, LLC Management Board will meet Jan. 21. Rev. Dean Bard will be the board's new chairman. Steve Coufal will aid in the transition. Church leadership has met with Laura Schabloske, a specialist in nonprofit fundraising and governance, to talk about strategies going forward.

The Women's Christmas Tea was well attended. W/ELCA has about \$1,600 in the treasury.

Constitution conversations continue. Mostly small, editorial details to consider, but anticipate more conversations about the document as a whole at the Jan. 27 Congregational meeting. Most questions have come from congregants regarding the Council presidency vesting in the senior pastor. Still feeling we have enough to go through with a vote on proposed changes for the meeting. Bylaws would be a next step.

We are looking into a forum with the Douglas County Sheriff on Active Threat Training.

We are encouraged to think about a Volunteer Fair to get more active volunteers in the church.

Breakfast continues to come off without a hitch thanks to the diligent efforts of Jim West.

We need more Council representatives who could sign checks. Steve Jacobson and Ashley Sum volunteered.

Matt Coufal has taken a job out

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of state and will need to resign from Council. We hope to find a replacement quickly. Several candidates were floated.

Amanda will be leaving her position as Administrative Assistant in the office on April 26. We hope to have a replacement identified so Amanda could train that individual.

The budget was presented. It includes six months' worth of a Youth Minister and a Congregational Life position starting in March or April. Joyce Palmer's position is due to be funded by the clinic and pantry. Total receipts are estimated at \$940,200 and total expenses at \$1,179,901. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the budget as presented.

There being no further business to come before the Council, they immediately and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:12 PM, with the Lord's Prayer. Adam Klinker agreed to devotions.

The next regular KMLC Council meeting is Feb. 20 at 6 PM. An executive committee session will take place at 10:30 AM, Sunday, Feb. 18.

Pastoral Acts

(January 16 – February 15)

Baptisms:

Corey Wagg, January 27, 2018

Funerals:

Vernon Ward, January 27, 2018

Betty Lou Pohl, February 2, 2018
(Committal Service Only)

Congregation's Constitution Moving Forward

Thank you to all who have participated in conversations about proposed changes to our constitution. We know this reflects commitment to Christ's ministry through Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church. Here are the steps we are taking to complete this work.

March 18, 10:15 – A Congregational Meeting, called for the purpose of a first vote

Please see the formal announcement in this newsletter (see page 4).

August (end of) – in the regularly scheduled meeting for elections we will take the second vote, as is required.

To Prepare –

Sunday, March 11, Adult Forum will give opportunity for further discussion
On our website is the proposed constitution

We also have a red-line version, comparing the new and old. (Please note: This was created through a manual process. Thus there may be small errors. It will show the big picture changes. Thanks! to those who assisted in this big project.)

We revised our bylaws, which are also on the website. These are based on the existing bylaws except:

1. More detail is given to the process of annual meetings in order to enhance participation through increased communication.
2. The committee structure is redefined to give better flexibility to ongoing needs and opportunities.

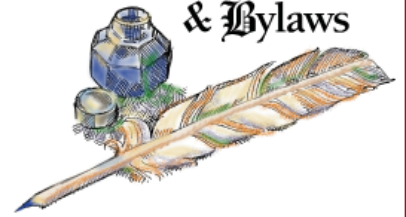
From the conversations about the Constitution we heard three main concerns. I will mention them here briefly and we will discuss further at the March 11 Forum.

1. Does the current structure provide proper leadership and process? This reflects recent experiences of conflict. We can note that there was action internally as well as with the Synod to bring the congregation through this. We do want to consider how the congregation's organization and structure is based on industrial management and how it is a community of spirit/Spirit.
2. Does the Constitution adequately identify the role(s) of pastors? What about the designation of Associate or Assistant and how are the tasks/job descriptions defined? With the Addition of "Minister of Word and Service" how in the future might that affect what has been expected of a pastor?
3. Perhaps the biggest question was about the portions that are required. Here we find differing views that represent different understandings of church as well as our society's current suspicion of control that comes from somewhere outside of "us". We are part of a body that is larger than the local congregation. That brings both responsibilities and benefits. How the constitution guides this will be part of our conversation on March 11.

Thank you for your continued consideration. Of course, as you have further thoughts or question, please contact me.

Pastor Paul

Church Constitution & Bylaws



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

Sunday, March 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

We're back! Please join us on Tuesday, March 8. You won't want to miss out on our program this month. Our speaker is David Mayen. He will be sharing with us, the story of his life, as an African refugee. A delicious lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 2. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see there!



Women's News

- Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet March 13 at noon at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on 93rd and Dodge. The program will be Fred Wilson, who was one of the survivor's of the Von Maur shooting. The Ronald McDonald House is the free will offering. If interested in attending, please call Carole at 402-339-2056 by March 11.
- A big thanks to all the women who brought bars and cookies for the Lenten meals.
- The Spring Salad Luncheon will be April 28 at 11:30 AM. Paul Siebert will be entertaining with his various instruments and the stories behind them. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Please come and bring a guest.

Book Group

Sunday, March 11, 12:00 PM



Book Group selection is THE SPY by Paulo Coelho. The book is about Margautha Zelle, a Dutch courtesan and dancer popularly known as Mata Hari. She writes a series of letters to her lawyer. These were to be delivered to her daughter should she be killed. They show her as a liberated woman who fell afoul of provincial morals and her association with some of the most powerful men of the era. She was executed as a spy in 1917.

KMLC Men's Luncheon

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

Our program will be presented by Ann Lawless, of Completely Kids. We want to explore possible partnerships with that ministry. In addition, Ann is Executive Director of our neighborhood association, recently renamed the quarters. Both aspects are important for Kountze as we seek God's directions for our future.

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



THANK YOU I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and pastoral visits during my recent illness. It was much appreciated.

—Marvin Andersen



Bible Study for Lent
Cross Purposes
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 AM
Led by Pastor Paul

How do various images found in the Bible help us experience God's work on

and through the Cross? Our study is based on two books: Making Sense of the Cross, by David Lose; What was God doing on the Cross? by Alister E. McGrath. (You need not purchase them, but they are a good read.)

Lenten Prayer Retreat

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 AM to noon.

Led by Pastor Paul

Some practical ways to grow in the practice of prayer.

Good Friday

March 30, Noon to 3 PM

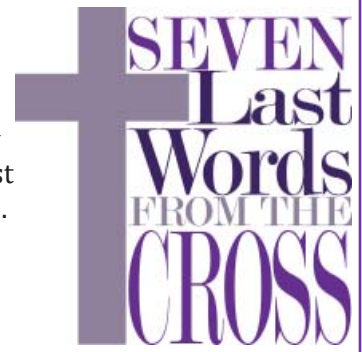
We will again be offering an Ecumenical Tre Ore Liturgy commemorating the Seven Last Words of Christ from the cross.

The liturgy features our choir and musical ensemble in a reflective, beautiful liturgy, with guest preachers from the community.

If you cannot stay for the whole service, you are free to come and go during the three hours.

Please join us and invite a friend for this wonderful tradition.

This year's roster of preachers will be available soon.



Palm Sunday, March 24 & 25

9 & 11 AM

Eucharist with Palm Procession and Passion Reading

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 26, 27, & 28

12:15 PM

Eucharist in Rotunda Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 29

11:15 AM

Lunch (free-will offering)

12:15 PM

Worship

5:45 – 6:45 PM

Dinner in Fellowship Hall (free-will offering)

6:45 PM

Hymn Sing in Sanctuary (2/25 – 3/25)

7:00 PM

Worship (Nursery care is available for children ages infant – 4 years in the nursery located near the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an Usher for directions.)



Holy Week

Good Friday, March 30

12-3 PM

Ecumenical Good Friday Service: Seven Words from the Cross with Guest Speakers, String Quartet and Kountze Choir

7 PM

Tenebrae (Veneration of the Cross and Service of Shadows)

Holy Saturday, March 31

10 PM

Easter Vigil (Fire, Word, Water, Eucharist) (There will be no 5 PM Saturday service)

Easter, April 1

7 – 11 AM

Continental Breakfast

7:30, 9 & 11 AM

Festival of the Resurrection

10:00 AM

Fun Easter Activities



We are now taking orders for Easter Lilies to beautify our church on Easter Sunday. The cost of each lily is \$10.00. If you would like to order a lily, please fill out the form in your bulletin and either mail it to the church office with your payment or drop it in the offering plate during worship. You can also order online. Please make checks payable to Kountze Memorial. You may specify if your lily is in honor or memory of someone and it will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Calendar...



March 1 Thursday

College Scholarship Deadline
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 3 Saturday

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

March 4 Sunday

Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Choir (gr K-5)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Personnel Committee
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
3:30 PM MS/HS Progressive Super
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

March 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

March 7 Wednesday

10:30 AM Bible Study - Cross Purposes
11:15 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship
8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

March 8 Thursday

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

March 10 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 11 Sunday

Daylight Savings--spring ahead 1 hour
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Choir (gr K-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 Baptism Seminar
12:00 PM Book Group

8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

March 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 13 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 14 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
10:30 AM Bible Study - Cross Purposes
11:15 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship

March 15 Thursday

Good News Deadline
Council Reports Due
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
March 15 Thursday
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

March 17 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
10:00 AM Active Threat Training
1:30 PM Confirmation
5:00 PM Worship

March 18 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Choir (gr K-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
12:00 PM First Communion Class
12:15 PM Family & Friends Planning Meeting
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

March 19 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 20 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Church Council
March 21 Wednesday
10:30 AM Bible Study - Cross Purposes
11:15 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Worship

March 22 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
March 24 Saturday
9:30 AM Prayer Retreat
5:00 PM Worship

March 25 Sunday

Palm Sunday
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
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12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

March 26 Monday

Monday in Holy Week
10:00 AM Pantry
12:15 PM Worship

March 27 Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:15 PM Worship
7:00 PM Circle 3

March 28 Wednesday

Wednesday in Holy Week
10:30 AM Bible Study - Cross Purposes
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Confirmation

March 29 Thursday

Maundy Thursday
11:15 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
7:00 PM Worship

March 30 Friday

Good Friday
10:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ecumenical Worship
7:00 PM Worship

March 31 Saturday

Homebound Communion
Easter Vigil
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group Breakfast (offsite)
10:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship



1. Pamela Backora, Grayson Christensen, Joseph Hawkins
2. Gregg Loucks, Ryan Mulick, Marcella Picha, Matthew Salmon
3. Lydia Theisen
4. Lois Carlsen, Lois Denzler, Cydney Hedrick, Lynn Langer, Marisa McShane, Sharon Miley
5. Ashley Cavalieri, Sharon Cvitak, Jerry Fischer, Alice Fitzgerald, Brian Rolfe
6. Michael Lamphere, Joseph Lyons, Bridget Reagan
7. Angie Arispe, Ryan Severson
8. Joel Fischer, David Jesberg, Beverly Johnson, Dustin Kunkel
9. Diane Burt, Erika Daene, Morgan Kreiser, Sharon Nelson, David Pfetzer, Mary Yocom, Samantha Zellmar
10. Terri Gogetap, Linda Higa, Sherri Labedz, Jon S. Natvig, Cathy Plumbtree, James Reichert, Grace Schmidt, Christian Thom
11. Sharon Arispe, Connie Jacobsen
12. Adam Backora, Merlyn Ulrich
13. Kelsey Svacina, Nina Winter
14. Robert Ellison, Denise Hawkins, Katharina Preininger, Adam Studts
15. Zella Duchman, Sunshine Hansen, Randal LeClair, James McCarthy, John Sheely, Johanna Vacak
16. Caroline Bressman, Kimberly Brown, George Ernce, Michelle Hatcher, Dan Troxel
17. Timothy Backora, Lennard Hansen, Loree Reimers
18. Ricky Anderson, Alan Barrett, Audrey Klein, Michael Orris, Marcia Roynesdal, Lois Sorensen, Kyle Storer
19. Zach Girthoffer, Thomas Jensen, Karen Loucks, Tom Steffen
20. Jason Klonglan, , Janice Petersen, Sharon Waller
21. Bruce Gerhardt, Marie Kubat, Eric Reinholz
22. Dorothy Behmer, Kristy Boone, Amy Durie, Naomi Kirkvold, Patricia Nansel, Laurine Savine, Tamara Sladek, Brandon Sorensen, Laura Ulrich
23. Carol Jenkins
24. Lawrence Bradley, Vernon Hilkemann, Elizabeth Stieneke
25. John Bodnar, Alicia Diggins, Michael Edris
26. Myrna Carter, Bailey Gittler, Jessica Reed, Roy Segelberg, Wayne Simmonds, Carole Woodworth, Michelle Zellmar
27. Helen Barnes, Jack Duffield, Katie Larson
28. Kelly Bartek, Brian Ervin, Dylan Henneman, Andrew Hinrichs, Terri Morrow, Andrew Reinert, Gary Rodene
30. James Pestel
31. David Studts, Amanda Zasada



New Member Classes

Sundays, April 15 & 22, 12:00 PM

If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held

April 15 & 22 from 12—2 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 when you register.

Be sure to call the church office if you have any questions.

Family and Friends Lunch

Sunday, April 22, 12:30PM

The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon, followed by Holy Communion, for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.

Lunch will be served in the Kountze Meeting Rooms A and B, just north of the Fellowship Hall.

Members of the Committee will be calling you. If you need a ride, please let them know at that time or contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org. Our Eucharistic Ministers will also be attending. Please join us!

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

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live streamed on our website.



We need your financial support. To be sure, there are costs for travel, lodging, and gathering the inspiring musicians and speakers. Your tax-deductible donation and your prayers will help each person experience this life-changing event. Please bring the form below, along with your donation, to worship. Or you may mail to the office. We appreciate having donations by June 1.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Donation Amount: _____

For further information, contact Pastor Paul – paul@kmlchurch.org
Thank you!