



KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH GOOD NEWS

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Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted by permission from the April newsletter of our sister congregation, The American Church in Berlin. Janet Campbell, a member of our Global Missions Committee, presented a check for \$10,000 to Pastor Steve Kienberger and the ACB Council President, the final portion of our Endowment Fund Board's commitment of \$50,000 over five years in support of their mission. These annual gifts were made as a "thank offering" in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Janet was on tour in Germany with her children in March.

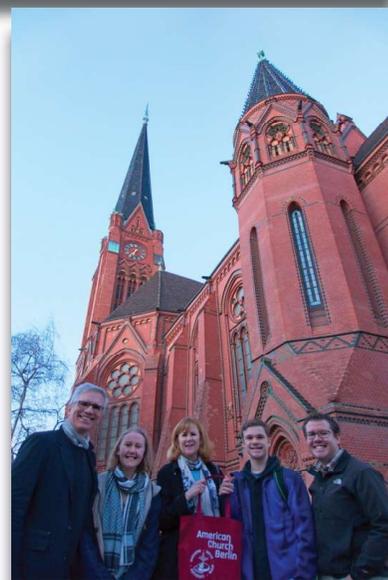
We are enriched in every way for your great generosity!

We echo the Apostle Paul's sentiments to the Corinthians and give thanks to God for the partnership and great generosity of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church (KMLC) in Omaha, Nebraska. This past week KMLC Missions Committee member, Janet Campbell, delivered a check of \$10,000 to Martin McClure, ACB President, along with Kumar Vasanth, ACB Vice President, Pastor Steve and Intern Tim. Jessica McClure, representing our ACB Youth and Charlie Campbell, representing KMLC Youth, were present to receive and celebrate the handing over of this amazing gift.



We have enjoyed many benefits over the past five years. Two summers ago Jessica along with three other of our youth joined the KMLC youth to travel to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan. This \$10,000 gift fulfills the \$50,000 total commitment that KMLC has pledged to ACB in mission support. It is such partnerships as these that have allowed us to make improvements to our facility and keep our mission to the international community of Berlin vibrant. Heartfelt thanks to KMLC.

Indeed, your generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us!



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

God's grace is evident! Holy Week and Easter was a splendid experience of grace grounded in the proclamation

of the resurrection. We brought the best gifts we have to offer. With the stirring choirs, banks of lilies, 120 Easter bags for our children and much, much more, we lifted our voices and hearts. I will long remember this season. If you missed it, please catch a glimpse and the spirit from the live stream broadcast of Easter worship

posted on our web site.

The season of grace has only begun. Last Sunday, eleven young men and women were confirmed in their faith. Solid transitions are underway in ministry programs based on feedback from our members. One example—I am so pleased to announce we are

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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.

Did You Miss a Service?

Worship services are also archived on our website, so you can watch them whenever you like. You can also view the previous service before it is archived by clicking the blank screen and then “ustream” in the corner.

Sound Board & TV Ministry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with sound at the 11:00 AM worship service as well as special services throughout the year. Training is provided and experience is not necessary. If you are interested, please contact Mike or Julie Bratcher in the TV studio (on the north side of the Youth Center) or call the church office at 402-341-7761.

Altar Flowers and Eternal Candle Sign-up

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.



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filling the staff position for children's music! There are many reasons why I say God's grace is evident.

Your generous financial support is an important sign and expression of that grace, making all other gifts possible. I thank you for your commitments and for keeping, even exceeding, them. If you have fallen behind in your pledge, please consider catching up. If you can do a bit more, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Also, have you seen the walls going up on our handsome new building? It speaks grace in such volumes.

Yesterday, I saw men on the roof for the first time. The project is on schedule and within budget! The bills also are coming in, and your contributions to this effort, especially now, will assist and encourage us greatly. Have a look at the commitment you made, and see if you can make a special gift for this great undertaking at this time. If we all pull together, we will all rejoice together!

I am deeply grateful for your responsiveness and support during this transition period. It is hard work, but it is promising, joyful work! By

God's continuing grace and with your steady support, we will meet the challenges and lay hold of the great opportunities for service which stand before us. Let's move forward together!

Peace and All Good Things,

Dean W. Bard
Interim Senior Pastor

Joint Service of Common Prayer

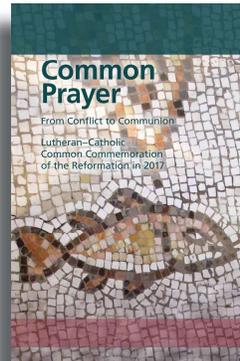
Monday, May 1, 7:00 PM St. Cecilia's Cathedral (Bishop Maas will preach)

Monday, September 11, Kountze Memorial (Archbishop Lucas will preach)

The Nebraska Synod and the Archdiocese of Omaha will participate in the joint commemoration at two events: the first will be held Monday, May 1 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral (Bishop Maas will preach) and on Monday, September 11 at Kountze Memorial (Archbishop Lucas will preach).

In anticipation of commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation together, the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian

Unity (of the Vatican) created a service of Common Prayer to be used in diocese/synods around the world and it will be basis of our liturgy together.



Joint Ascension Day Eucharist

Thursday, May 25, 7 PM

At Kountze Memorial

Kountze Memorial is hosting Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in our third annual combined celebration of the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry, when he is taken up bodily into heaven.

This year, we welcome special guests: Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod will preside and

Bishop Scott Barker of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska will preach.

Join us as we celebrate this great feast of the Church, our common heritage, and the full-communion agreement between our denominations.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow.

Save the Date

Metro-Omaha Commemoration of 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2:00 PM

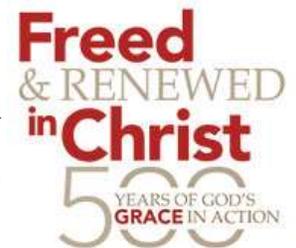
The Nebraska Synod and Western Iowa Synod will hold a Festive Eucharist for the 500th Anniversary

of the Reformation at St. John's Roman Catholic parish (Creighton campus). Archbishop George Lucas has extended a gracious act of hospitality in allowing the Synod to worship at St. John's. Bishop Brian Maas will preside and Bishop Rodger Prois will preach.

More details to follow.

500th Anniversary Activities

The Synod's Refo500/Ecumenism Committee (of which Pastor Hall is co-chair) has coordinated several events to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and beyond. Such details should be on the Synod webpage (<http://nebraskasynod.org/>) by the time this newsletter goes to print.



SERVE with us...

Continuing the Conversation About Youth Ministry

– for children and families, too.

Thank you to all who participated on April 2 and 9. You emphasized your common concern for your children. You showed the challenge of fitting proper care for them into the over-filled demands placed upon families today. You told of past events that meant much to you. You also showed how those may not work so easily today. From my own experience, I again see this challenge: How do we raise our children (and

continue guiding adults) so that, rather than being consumers of religious services, we are disciples of Jesus Christ? If you were not able to participate on those days, or as you have ongoing thoughts, please contact me – paul@kmlchurch.org. Or call me. I'll buy the coffee.

Pastor Paul Moessner



Uruguay Young Adults in Global Mission

Lent/Holy Week Newsletter

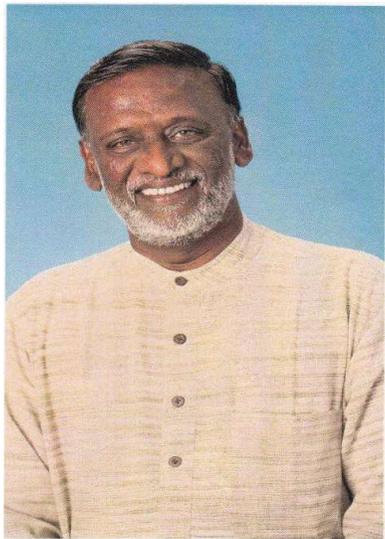
Queridos compañeros,

A special Holy Week greeting to you all. As I write this, it feels a great wind has turned its face to the south in Montevideo, the beaches are now deserted and the rains have set in as the air shakes the palm trees and throws off the last of their dead arms; the Río de la Plata seems poised to bring back whatever radiance it exuded in the summer. And so it is in Montevideo, as here with the celebration of Easter, we turn to face winter. The past months have been ones filled with many blessings, namely the deepening in relationships with those I have been placed in companionship here, of kinds singular and rare, brought by the maturing in time and God's grace. In February, along with the other Argentina/Uruguay YAGM crew, we hosted another retreat in Bariloche, Argentina, right along the Chilean border. Attached are photos of lake Nahuel Huapi and our group on one of our hikes in the mountains.

As always I am filled with thanks for the ways your prayers have kept me grounded. Your presence has been a constant hope through the year. I suppose we only realize how such time passes as we come to greet each other new again. Know that even in the smallest ways your prayers and have found their way among the people in community here, and I hope that their prayers may be found among you as well.

In honor of the strangeness of Easter in the fall, I'd like to offer you this Carnival edition of the newsletter; a special Vol. 2 for 2017. Uruguay is known to host the

Global Mission Spotlight



In Psalm 48:10 (NRSV), we learn, "Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory." We see their names in the service bulletin every week we come together in corporate prayer, but who are the missionaries sponsored by Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church through the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

program? This month's focus will be on Rev. Dr. Chandran Paul Martin.

Rev. Dr. Martin received his M.Th. from Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, and his Ph.D. in Medical Missions from Nagarjuna University in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India. He presently serves as the ELCA Regional Representative for the churches in Asia and the Pacific. His primary responsibility is diakonia ministries, which include healthcare, development, disaster response, and sustainable community-based development ministries with the ELCA companions in the region.

Interesting Fact: Preaching is a passion in which Rev. Dr. Martin constantly grapples with the Word of God and the words of people. For him, justice, inclusiveness, and dignity are essential principles in his spirituality.

Dates to Remember: Rev. Dr. Martin's birthday is January 22, and the anniversary of his ordination is June 4.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!

2017 Senior High Youth Summer Mission Trip

New Orleans, Louisiana

Saturday, July 15 to Sunday, July 23

While in New Orleans the youth will work with an organization called Kaleo Missions and local community partners to serve and learn about the community. This year they are also partnering with Lord of Love Lutheran Church. Kountze Memorial youth and Lord of Love youth will travel, stay, and work alongside one another. This will provide the youth with a chance to build relationships with youth from another local ELCA congregation during the trip.

During their stay in New Orleans, the youth will spend the week living and serving in the community of downtown New Orleans. Their work will focus on four areas: undereducated populations, youth



and children, homelessness, and refugees and immigrants. Kaleo Missions strives to empower the people with whom they work. This means that their service will have a strong focus on relationships and partnering with leadership and organizations that reside in the New Orleans community.

If you would like to sponsor a youth on the 2017 Mission Trip, please use the sponsorship sheet that will be in your Sunday bulletin all month. You can also donate online or use the kiosk at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (402-341-7761).

Sunday School by Kristin Boe

It has been wonderful to see all the smiling faces in Sunday School these past weeks. Kountze is blessed with a bright and kind group of young people. It is uplifting to watch them learn the word of God and act on those lessons.

Thank you to the parents and volunteers who make that a possibility! The Sunday School program is fueled by dedicated people who give their time each week to pass on bible lessons to the children. You are a talented group of people and this church appreciates you.

May 28 is the last formal day of

Sunday School. Please join us for 6 weeks of fun group activities this summer between June 4 and July 16. We will not meet on July 2.



Graduate Blessing & Celebration

Sunday, May 21, 9 AM

We will celebrate our 2017 graduates at the 9 AM service, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. As in years past, the seniors will be blessed and presented with the gift of a quilt made by our sewing group. We are very proud

of our graduates, and ask God's rich blessing on them as they enter into a new chapter in their young lives.

Girls Bible Study Sunday, May 21, 7 - 8:30 PM

For girls in grades 6 - 12. Please contact the church office (info@kmlchurch.org or 402-341-7761) for the location.

High School Youth Forum Sundays, 10:10 AM

Every Sunday, youth in grades 9-12 gather in the Youth Center (Lower level of the church) for Youth Forum, which features a mix of bible study, discussion, devotions, fun activities, guest speakers, games, music, and much more! Friends are welcome!

Youth and Family Ministries and Congregational Activities Update

By Pastor Dean Bard and Pastor Paul Moessner

With staff changes in Youth and Family Ministries and Congregational Activities, it has seemed to us like a good time to take a fresh look at our programming and chart the course for this interim period and perhaps extending into the beginning of a new senior pastor's tenure. These general provisions and plans have been shaped in consultation with parents, committee members, volunteers and interim staff members. We believe that we have a solid plan for moving us forward with continuity and flexibility. Let us share with you developments to date which we believe point us toward a positive future.

Youth and Family Ministries

Katie Larson did excellent work in preparing materials in this area for her successor/successors, and we have made some appointments and adjustments in both staffing and program. We are very grateful for Katie's preparations for a good transition.

Kristin Boe is serving as the Interim Christian Education Coordinator, bringing her years of training and vocational experience in childhood development as well as acquaintanceship with educational materials and long-term involvement with the Sunday school at Kountze Memorial. Additionally, she leads the children's message time during the 9:00 AM service and oversees child care and nursery arrangements. Kristin also is leading the Girl's Bible Study for young women in grades 6 - 12. Other duties may be added later. It is indeed a blessing that Kristin is available to assume this interim position.

The long search for a new Children's Music Coordinator has come to an end. We are recommending that Donna Moessner, Pastor Paul's wife, be appointed to that position beginning August 1. Donna likewise brings years of training and experience. She is already a member of our choir. Donna and Pastor Paul will be moving to Omaha permanently this summer.

Two decisions have been made about content for the fall program. First, the Sunday school will return to the Rotation Method curriculum, which Kountze Memorial used very successfully for a number of years. Second, Donna will be working with the pastors to intentionally integrate children's music into the worship life of the congregation, coordinate with the recently formed Youth Choir, and also relate to the Worship and Music Committee.

Pastor Moessner will assume a greater role in terms

of advising and assisting the youth program. He has important partners in this effort. Robin and Jeff Perkins, together with Tom Steffan, will take responsibility for the Order of Saint John (acolytes). Cindy Edwards is coordinating the Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans this summer. Mattie O'Kane will be assisting with the Youth Forum on Sunday mornings, in partnership with Pastor Moessner. Other youth events and service projects will be planned and coordinated with Pastor Moessner. There are discussions, for example, about a "Lock-In" with youth from St. Michael Lutheran Church in the fall.

Congregational Activities

Ian Hartfield did excellent work in preparing materials and guidelines in this area for his successor/successors, and we have made some appointments and adjustments in both staffing and program. We are very grateful for Ian's preparations for a good transition.

Dave Forrest has been appointed Interim Congregational Life Coordinator. He oversees altar flower deliveries, and coordinates with ushers, greeters, welcome desk volunteers and volunteers for blood pressure checks. Dave also is responsible for worship supplies and kitchen/hospitality supplies. He helps to coordinate worship services with the pastors and other volunteers. Dave relates primarily to the Congregational Activities Committee and the Outreach Committee and works cooperatively with other committees. Initially, Dave is coordinating the following programs:

- Men's Luncheon and Program each third Thursday of the month
- The New Member Classes, currently scheduled for April 30 and May 7
- The Neighborhood Gathering, scheduled for June 25
- The Church Picnic, scheduled for August 27

Finally, in a time of transition, the key is to be steady, keep continuity, and be flexible. We believe that our plan does just that, and we stand ready to make adjustments as needs arise.

Very hearty thanks to Kristin Boe and Dave Forrest for the important contributions they are making in these areas and for their cooperative spirit. If you have thoughts or questions, feel free to contact either of us.

Dean W. Bard
Interim Senior Pastor

Paul Moessner
Interim Associate Pastor

NEWS & Notes...

April, 2017 Kountze Commons Update

by Paul Sum, Owner's Representative

Work continues on the new building. All of the structural concrete walls and 90% of the link foundation is in place. Pre-cast walls and structural steel framework for the second floor and roof structure are about 60% complete. Subgrade plumbing work will start in about 2 weeks.

Food Pantry, Clinic, and Church staff personnel have determined the furniture, fixtures, and equipment needed for the new facility and some orders have been placed with additional orders to follow. Thanks to Joyce Palmer, Ian Hartfield, and Tarna Kidder for their hard work in developing the FFE. Security and information technology systems plans have been finalized.

Methodist Temporary Clinic is open and seeing patients. The Methodist staff is pleased with their new, temporary clinic. FBG, a professional cleaning service, is providing custodial services for the clinic. They will also be providing those services in Kountze Commons. The lease has been signed with LFS to occupy a portion of the lower level of Kountze Commons!!! LFS will deliver outpatient behavioral

health services by licensed mental health practitioners. Holland Basham Architects is developing the LFS tenant finishes. Kiewit Construction will be the general contractor for this work. The completion of their space will coincide with the completion of Methodist's Clinic.

Demolition and site excavation of the north third of the west parking lot has started. The west parking lot work will start after Easter and be complete in July. Alternate parking will be available at deFreese Manor and Barnhart Press's gravel lot, as well as the new parking in front of the church.

New exterior lighting fixtures to highlight the bell tower and stained glass windows (south side) have been installed and are operational. At the present time, the lighting is being fine-tuned.

Other Items of Interest

The fire marshal has determined that there are a number of deficiencies in the church building life safety codes required by the City of Omaha. Items that have been addressed are:

- Exit Signs
- Emergency exits that lead to the construction site



- Sprinkler heads have been repaired/replaced in the boiler room
- Holland Basham Architects have been engaged to determine what needs to be accomplished to comply with life safety requirements including doors and hardware. Modifications to the facility will be made to meet both life safety requirements and improve access. A good faith effort has been demonstrated to the fire marshal that we are addressing these deficiencies.

Due to the serious problems we have experienced in the operation of the facility's HVAC systems, we are exploring the possibility to engage Optimized Systems to correct and manage those systems on behalf of the church.

We continue to receive grants and are in touch with other foundations for additional funding grants.

Yesterday's Youth

Tuesday, May 2, 12:00 PM

Cost is \$4.00



Please join us on Tuesday, May 2. We have a wonderful program this month! Our speaker will be Kountze member, Judy Boelts. Judy is a docent at Omaha's Jocelyn Art Museum. Lunch is served at noon. This is a great opportunity

to learn more about this fascinating museum! Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 28. Contact Sheri Tipton with questions (402-415-6033). All ages are welcome! See you there!

Pastoral Acts

(March 16 – April 15)

Baptisms:

Eric Quinn Pycko, April 9, 2017

Funerals:

Sandra Johnson, April 1, 2017

First Communion:

Boe DiLorenzo, April 13, 2017

Elaina Kratky, April 13, 2017

Pearson Kratky, April 13, 2017

Nelson McFarland, April 13, 2017

Council Notes

March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 with opening prayer. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was received and approved. General giving was about \$12,000 below budget, consistent with the patterns in other years.

Pastor Bard noted that Ian Hartfield has accepted a position with Thrivent Financial and will be leaving his post April 2. A farewell with hearty thanks for his 11 years of service here is planned for that date, and the Council approved a gift of thanks to him. Dave Forrest will serve as Interim Congregational Life Coordinator and, together with Ian, is organizing a smooth transition. Preparations for Holy Week and Easter are underway, and the Lenten services with lunch and supper have been well received. Thanks to Ralph Diggins and his crew for fine meals.

Pastor Moessner is leading preparations for Confirmation on April 23. He has been in conversation with parents of youth and children for their input on future youth and family programming. Cindy

Edwards is planning the Summer Mission Trip, together with the youth minister from Lord of Love Lutheran Church. Robin and Jeff Perkins are coordinating acolytes and serving as youth advisors. Mattie O'Kane has agreed to assist with the Youth Forum. Pastor Moessner will play a greater role in youth ministry in future. Pastor Moessner will also be reviewing the constitution with other leaders regarding needed revisions and updates.

Pastor Hall reported again on the Lenten Retreat to be held April 8 with Brother James Boyd of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and also on plans for celebrations of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Archbishop George Lukas will join Bishop Maas at Kountze Memorial September 11 for one such commemoration for Lutherans and Catholics in the area.

Committee Reports. Christian Education: The committee will meet in two weeks to review Sunday School and make plans for the children at Easter. Donna Moessner is a candidate for the Children's Music Coordinator position. Congregational Activities: Game Night has been scheduled

March 31. Property: A proposal is being prepared to bring the church in compliance with requirements of the fire marshal. Global Mission: A fifth and final gift of \$10,000 for the American Church in Berlin was approved by the Endowment Fund Board and will be presented in Berlin this month by Janet Campbell. Social Ministry: Jeff Senn is working with the committee on upcoming ministry programs, including the Friends and Families Luncheon scheduled April 30. Youth: A progressive dinner was held March 5. The annual Order of St. John (OSJ) Banquet will be held March 26 for the acolytes. The OSJ cleaning event will take place March 29. Call Committee: Interviews with candidates are progressing.

Board Reports: deFreese Manor: The Board will meet in April. Healing Gift Free Clinic: The Board will meet March 28 and April 22. A lease agreement between Kountze Commons and the Clinic is under review. The Endowment Fund Board will cover the rent for the clinic under this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Creighton Retreat Options

During Lent, Christians are invited to become more intentional in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, reflection, and reconciliation. It can be hard to find the time and the space for this, however, in our busy lives. Yet, there are some local resources. Creighton University's Christian Spirituality Program invites you to contemplate, relax, revel, and enjoy God's working in your life and to participate in a silent, eight day, individually directed, Ignatian Retreat at a lovely quiet setting in western Iowa on the banks of the East Nishnabotna River at the Creighton University Retreat Center. Two more retreats are available in 2017:

June 1 - 10
July 31 - August 9

Transportation to and from the retreat house is available from the Creighton campus for anyone who does not want to drive. Contact Colleen Hastings at csp@creighton.edu or call 402-280-2303 for more information and to register. Pastor Hall is also available for any questions you might have.

May Adult Forum

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

5/7 Building Update
5/14 Together, Inc. with Jeff Senn
5/21 2017 Graduate Reception
5/28 No Forum (Memorial Day)

Baptism Seminar

Sunday, June 11 at 12:00 PM



We will meet in the church office conference room, and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy. To register, call the church office at 402-341-7761.

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!

We need two people each week to make deliveries. All ages are welcome to participate in this ministry – families, individuals, friends, etc. Typically, the time commitment is only three Sundays a year.

Please consider using the hours and minutes God has given you to help this ministry continue.

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

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world's longest Carnival celebration. Lasting roughly from the end of January to the beginning of March, it carries the symbolic weight of 40, whose number in Spanish is *cuarenta*, akin to the Lenten season named

Women's News

- Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet May 9 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn. The program will be on Human Trafficking.
- The May Service Project will be for Justin Perkins who is serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program.
- The May Board Meeting will be May 11 at 9:30 AM.

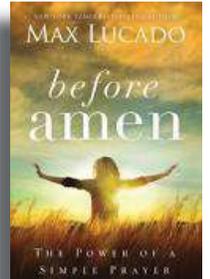
Women's Prayer Group

Saturday, May 20, 9:30 AM

The Prayer Group has chosen to study the book, "Before Amen" by Max Lucado. We'll join Max Lucado on a journey that will help us:

- Experience a heart connection with God
- Discover confidence in our God-given prayer strength.
- Overcome disappointment from unanswered prayers and trust that God hears us.
- Calm the chaos of our world by embracing a prayer life that brings peace and rest.
- Gain assurance with the power of a plan built on biblical prayers.

If you are interested in joining the Women's Prayer Group, contact Karen Bonneau at 402-451-3817. The group meets monthly on the third Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Lounge.



KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, May 18, 11:30 AM

At Kountze Memorial

Cost: \$10

Watch the bulletin and Wednesday e-news for more information on the program for May. No matter what the program, it's always a great way to spend the early afternoon. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 17, to the church office or Pastor Paul (402-341-7761 or paul@kmlchurch.org).

May is Blindness Prevention Month

Kountze will once again be collecting used eyeglasses. The glasses will be cleaned, checked and used at a health fair for the homeless later this year. There is a collection box at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your help with this outreach program.



Calendar...



May 1 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
7:00 PM Joint Service of Common Prayer
@ St. Cecilia's

May 2 Tuesday

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

May 3 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
5:45 PM MS/HS Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

May 4 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

May 5 Friday

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

May 6 Saturday

Homebound Communion
2:00 PM Daene/Fili Wedding
9 AM Sunday School Youth Work Day
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

May 7 Sunday

Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
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 Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
12:00 PM New Member Class
9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

May 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

May 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

May 10 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

May 11 Thursday

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

May 12 Friday

12:00 PM Endowment Board

May 13 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

May 14 Sunday

Mother's Day
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 Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
12:00 PM Book Group

May 15 Monday

Good News Deadline
10:00 AM Pantry

May 16 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 PM Building Committee
5:30 PM Executive Committee
6:30 PM Church Council

May 17 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
5:30 PM KETV Management Board
5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

May 18 Thursday

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

May 19 Friday

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

May 20 Saturday

3:30 PM Freidel/Anderson Wedding
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
5:00 PM Worship

May 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 Graduate Blessing & Celebration
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 Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study

May 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

May 23 Tuesday

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

May 24 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

May 25 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Ascension Day Liturgy at Kountze

May 26 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

May 27 Saturday

3:00 PM Musick/Klug Wedding
5:00 PM Worship

May 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)
10:10 AM No Adult Forum
10:10 AM No Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

May 29 Monday

Memorial Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED

May 30 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

May 31 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship



Birthday Blessings

1. Ed Bass, Harold Gilliam, Jr., Carole Meilahn, Frank Pechacek, Susan Peterson, Mark Phillips, Richard Ray
2. Anita Morse, Shannon Picha, Jeffrey Senn, David Tollefson
3. Etta Adair, Linda Johnson, Renee Kovar, Karrie Lyles, Beth Naylor, Teresa Valentine, Allyson White, Bryant Wolf
4. Lacey Bodnar, Lindsey Bodnar, Linda Knutson
5. Mark Jones
6. Aubri Meldrum
7. Diane Davis, Schyler Hopkins, Heidi LeClair, Helen Lowderman, Debra Putnam, Lynn Sherlund, Joshua Silver
8. Shirley Bonneau, Dean Herzberg, Jennifer Kropp, Christopher Miley, Richard Sieling, Jennifer Swinney, Autumn Loucks, Giselle Loucks
9. Charles Bressman, Sarah Roane, Richard Portrey
10. Matthew Geiger
11. Natalie Backora, Diana Carrell, Sandra Kucera, Dorothy Lee, Jen McCarthy
12. Dane Kucera, Carol Storer
13. Elaine Adams, Harold Gillaspie, Pamela Johnson, Fred Wachal
15. Donald Berney, Scott Fonda, Shannon Fonda, Kay Jones, Lisa Montag

May Birthdays

16. Jean Bowman, Spencer Link, Dee Luchsinger, Jane Lynam, Brooke Reinert, Terry Schatzberg
17. Tracy Fletcher, Nicholas Kanning, Dirk Petersen
18. Linda Ackerson, Amber Boehm, Evelyn Christensen, Frank Ferguson, Elizabeth Larkowski, Courtney Senn, Kate Jones
19. Sarah Clifford, Michael Johnston, Erin Steffen, Melissa Titus
20. Judi Boe, Donald Johnston
21. Olta Gjoca, Elizabeth Norton, Pete Smock, Lyn Ziegenbein
22. Rose Bartling, Susan Clark, Melody Diggins
23. Nicholas Barrett, Samuel Comfort, Norma Pafford, Stephen Pera, Lorna Swingen, Karen Wolf
24. Jackson Barrett, Brittany Edwards, Steven Thomas
25. Susann Henry, Mary Lou Kersey, David Swift
26. Rebecca Brusky, Meeghan Hartfield, Idonna Meyer
27. Michael Hyland, Ashley Ingram, Emma Mirch, Jeremy Sarich, John Ziegenbein
28. Laura Hansen, Meggan Lloyd, Stephanie Martens, Tracy Sweet, Dean VanCaster
29. Joy Borchman, Eric Bottolfson, Brandt John, Jackson Martis, Jeffrey Martis, Barbara Zarp
30. Lawrence Battaglia, Melissa Hardersen, Greta Rohrberg, Michaela Ruma, Amanda Sneckenberg
31. Elnora Carlson, Marie Dixon, Dolores Hiatt, Dan Shelby, Kelly Rudie, Morgan Stouffer

Kountze Food Pantry

Food Bank for the Heartland reported that in 2016 they provided 120,629 pounds of food for our Food Pantry. This poundage (based on a formula by Feeding America) provided 100,524 meals at an average cost of \$0.31/meal.

Thank you, thank you, thank you...for providing the financial resources so these pounds could be purchased. It is important to point out that there were additional pounds of food items donated directly to the Food Pantry (thanks!) and we also purchase food from ALDI grocery store. Thus, the total 2016 poundage could be doubled because of these donations and ALDI items. However, the costs per meal would be higher than just doubling the meal cost. Total meal cost is being formulated.

Blood Pressure Checks



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

Sunday, May 16
10:00-11:00AM
Fellowship Lounge

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

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Worship Schedule:

Saturday at 5 PM
Sunday at 9 and 11 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.

Save The Date
19th Annual Neighborhood Gathering
and Jazz Service
Sunday, June 25



~ Jazz Music, Carriage Rides, Free Food, Inflatables, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Balloons, and more! ~