

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Dear God,

Thank you for a great year. Christmas was awesome ... Lent meaningful ... Easter so incredibly joyous and so many people! But now I need a break. So ... I'll be taking the summer off, traveling a bit, reconnecting with friends, sleeping in ... I suppose you know my routine since I do it every summer. When things start up again in the Fall I'll be back. So in the meantime, I hope you have a nice summer.

Love,
Just About Anybody

Dear Anybody,

I am glad so much of the past year was meaningful to you. You were faithful in worship and I like that. Sorry you missed the birthday celebration on May 20. (Pentecost is your birthday, not mine!) Since your taking off the summer from Me and Worship I've decided to do the same! You know, three months of that seventh day/Sabbath rest thing. Since you'll be so into yourself during these summer months I know you won't be calling on me ... but if you do, please note that I've turned off the answering machine, I still have some of that wine made at Cana, and I'll be out on heaven's porch, soaking in the light from my universe. Hope you don't need me and can fend for yourself. Come September 8 we'll just agree to re-connect. Hang in there until then.

Love,
God

or with the people who worship there? Congregations always struggle with their identity. Understandably, there is concern for the facility, the physical space. We have inherited that space from previous generations and have a responsibility to pass it on better than we received it. Sometimes it is easy to become too focused on the facility and to forget why we, as the church, are here in the first place. Consider this well-known story:

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their life and money and effort for the support of the work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the members of lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely because they used it as a sort of club. Few members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in the club's decoration, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where the club initiations were held. About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick and some of them had black skin and some had yellow skin. They beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the

On Being the Church

Are we, as Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, here to serve or to be served? Is our beautiful facility a museum, housing relics from the past ... or will it be a home to which we invite all others to enter? Do we equate God's church with the building/facility ...

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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.

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.

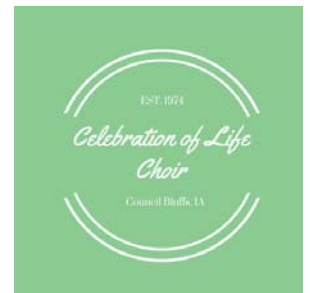
The Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up is located in the Narthex, just before you enter the Sanctuary.



The Celebration of Life Choir

Saturday, June 2, at our 5:00 PM

The Celebration of Life Choir is a community choir representing many congregations from the Council Bluffs/Omaha area. The choir will be presenting their summer program here at Kountze on Saturday, June 2, at our 5:00 PM worship service. This is a volunteer choir that proclaims the love of God through song. Though they have been around for many years, this is their first time at Kountze. The choir invites us to come and enjoy this free concert.



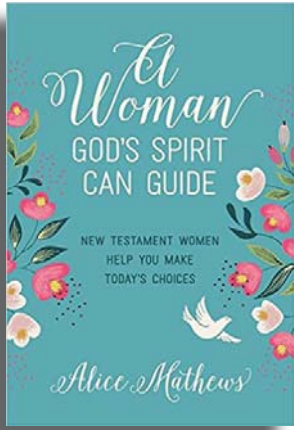
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GROW with us...

Women's Prayer Group

9:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month
Fellowship Lounge



What does it mean to be a woman that God's spirit can guide? Join us at the Women's Prayer Group as we examine the lives of Dorcas, Lydia, Phoebe, and other women in the New Testament with "A Woman God's Spirit Can Guide" by Alice Mathews. Join us as we reflect on what God has called us to do as we dig deep into the lives of these women who committed their gifts and talents to the Lord.

If you have questions or are interested in joining the Women's Prayer Group, please contact Karen Bonneau at 402-676-5419.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 10, 2018
10:10 AM

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018 for the sole purpose of authorizing the congregation to borrow up to \$1.5 million for repairs to the church (the congregation authorized borrowing \$500,000 at the Annual Meeting—this would be an additional \$1 million). Information regarding the repairs will be presented by Paul Sum.

Pastoral Acts

(April 16 – May 15)

Baptisms:

Sloan Elizabeth Danenhauer, April 21, 2018

Caden Merl Schjodt, April 29, 2018

Theo Olaf Pignatore, May 13, 2018

Gift Acknowledgement

We gratefully acknowledge that Kountze Memorial has received a gift of \$8,105.05 from the Christian & Inez Mortensen Fund through the in-Faith Community Foundation. The designation of the gift is for general support.

Welcome to Sarah Jewell



We are very happy to announce that Sarah has been hired as our new Administrative Assistant and began working at Kountze Memorial on Monday, May 21.

If you find yourself in the church office during the week, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome Sarah to Kountze.

Summer Forums Highlight the Congregation's Ministries and Activities

This summer, the topics of the Forum will highlight the various ministries and activities of the congregation. Many things are done quietly and very well. In many cases, much of the work goes on unseen or by the same group of people. More awareness and perhaps even collaboration are most welcome! If you want to be included, please contact your Council representative or Pr. Hall (via email).

June & July Adult Forum

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

- June 3: Global Missions Committee (Carol Stoltenberg)
- June 10: Pancake Breakfast, update on the Pantry and Clinic (Joyce Palmer), Art and Landscaping Committee for Kountze Commons
- June 17: Celebrating Our Choirs: Adult, Youth, Children, and Bells (Barb Carson, Janet Carlson, Donna Moessner, and Danny Bos)
- June 24: No Forum (Neighborhood Gathering)
- July 1: No Forum (Fourth of July)
- July 8: Dr. Robert Moore, ELCA Representative in Wittenberg and Leipzig
- July 15: Pr. Hall Shares Information on Time at Cambridge
- July 22: Highlighting the Work of DeFreese Manor (Scott Henneman)
- July 29: Missionaries from Argentina/Uruguay, Krystle and Ignacio Moraska

SERVE with us...

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club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along the shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown. [James L. Christensen, *Creative Ways to Worship*, 1974]

Now most of the people drown. Shipwrecks are frequent in our lives and most often they do not occur in water. Financial ruin, illness, death, broken relationships, family

crises (to name but a few) always are taking place in our lives. Our Lutheran Christian Faith — as well as the church — do not offer “cures” for all these shipwrecks, but we offer each other prayer, support, and the wisdom of many people who have already sailed in rough waters. We also proclaim a Lord who has promised his steadfast love for us regardless of how life wrecks us ... or how we wreck our lives. The church is not the gathering of the “perfect” ... far from it. We gather as people who know forgiveness for our sins and failures and as people who know whose hands we are securely held.

Bishop Emeritus Lyle G. Miller from California echoed similar thought some years ago: *“The church is not a luxury liner, granting passage and comfort to all who qualify and climb aboard but is rather like a rescuing lifeboat, sometimes listing, or even leaking, but always guided by the captain, Jesus, at the helm.”*

Jesus steers the church, our lives, the world. As Christ's church, we reach out to all who need the assurance that life will not overwhelm them. We are all invited to be a part of Kountze Memorial to build up each other, to support each other, to comfort each other, and together ... to be God's people here in this place.

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

Order of Saint John



Bailey Gittler
OSJ Alumni

The Order of Saint John is in its 77th year at Kountze Memorial. The annual commissioning service for the Order of Saint John took place on April 15 at the 11:00 AM service. The OSJ currently has 25 members serving. There are 14 alumni who also served in the past year. The OSJ Sponsors are Jill Gittler, Jeff and Robin Perkins, and Tom Steffen.

The Order of Saint John Appreciation Luncheon was also held on April 15. During this gathering, the “2018 Outstanding Acolyte Award” was presented to Nicole Campbell. Congratulations to Nicole! Many



Nicole Campbell
Outstanding Acolyte Award

thanks to everyone who serves in the Order of Saint John. Your participation as acolytes each week is greatly appreciated by the entire congregation.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!

Children and Family Ministry Summer 2018

LYSO – Lutheran Youth Serving Omaha
June 11 – 15 (for children/youth who have finished kindergarten)

Summer Sunday School
June 17 – July 15

Outdoor Movie Night
Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School “Camp”
Friday evening, July 21,
Saturday morning, July 22
For ALL AGES!

August 12 – Blessing of Backpacks
(as a new school year begins)
and our School Teachers/Workers

LYSO – Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha June 11 – 15

Adults willing to help?! Complete the form in your weekly bulletin, the back of this newsletter or contact Pastor Paul or Kristin Boe. You may register your child/ren online at <https://form.jotform.com/80997618224164>. Thanks for your help!

Summer Sunday School June 17 through July 15

Our focus this summer is on Holy Communion and how God forgives sin, nourishes faith, and calls us to be witnesses to his Word. The goal is to prepare those who have not participated in the Holy Sacrament with an understanding of what it means to be a guest at the Lord's table. For those who have received Communion, we hope to deepen the understanding of this gift and enrich their participation at the table. See page 6 for the weekly schedule.

Movie Night Friday, June 22, 6:00 PM

You are invited to a picnic potluck and movie. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side to share and a blanket to sit upon while we eat on the Kountze Commons green space. After eating, we will go inside to watch a family centered movie in the Fellowship

Hall. RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, June 20.

Bible School – Not Just for Children! Or – for Children of All Ages! Friday, July 20 – Saturday, July 21

Reserve Friday evening, July 20 – Saturday Morning, July 21 for a different Bible School Experience. We begin with supper at 5:30 PM and conclude the evening by 7:45 PM. We resume Saturday with continental breakfast at 8:30 AM. We will focus on a Bible story that helps us know who we are as the people of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church! We will create an art project together. We will have a chance to talk with people of different ages. And we intend to have fun!

Blessing the Backpacks Sunday, August 12

All school children! Bring your back pack and come to the communion rail for a special blessing.

We will also recognize all school teachers and workers. And – we will gather school-supplies for Jackson Elementary School. Watch for further details!

Summer “Family Choirs” By Donna Moessner

I am so proud of our Joyful Sounds Children's Choir! Thank you to our singers (and their parents): Carson Burton, Violet Fannin, Zeb Fanin, Zoe Fischer, Sheyenne Glasgow, Lily Kassal, Elise Willson, and Lillian Willson. A big thank you to our accompanist Judy Boelts as well. Though off for the summer, we will resume in September.

For the summer Sundays we are putting together “Family Choirs”, when children, parents, and grandparents will sing and/or play instruments together for our Sunday worship services. Families can join with other families. Music will be given out several Sundays in advance, and then rehearsed Sunday morning before worship (or Saturday if that works). Please contact me ASAP if you are interested and give me dates you are available.

Singer and songwriter, Simone Weber will be leading our music for Lutheran Youth Serving Omaha (LYSO) June 11-15, and I have the privilege of assisting her.

Summer Sunday School, June 17 – July 15 will involve music too!

Please contact me, donna@kmlchurch.org or 573-673-4445 with questions or to sign up for “Family Choir”. Have a blessed summer!

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.



Summer Sunday School

June 17 through July 15

Grades K-3	June 17th	June 24th	July 1st	July 8th
Big Idea	God Cares for Us	Jesus Gave Us a Special Meal	Jesus Is with Us in Communion	Jesus Offers Enough for All
Bible Story	Manna and quail in the wilderness. Exodus 16	The last supper. Mark 14:12-25	Supper at Emmaus. Luke 24:13-35	Feeding of the multitude. John 6:1-14
Communion is...	Receiving	Remembering	Celebrating	Sharing

Grades 4th-8th	June 17th	June 24th	July 1st	July 8th
Big Idea	Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Communion	Communion Connects Us with God's Saving Love	Communion Feeds Us in Many Ways	Communion Prepares Us to Serve Others
Bible Story	The last supper. Matthew 26:17-29	The Passover and Exodus. Exodus 12:1-15:21	Feeding of the multitude. John 6:1-14, 32-35	The early Christian community. Acts 2:37-47
Communion is...	Receiving	Celebrating	Gathering Together	Strengthening for Service

On July 15th, we will gather in the Joyful Sounds Studio for games, activities, and fellowship.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday morning, June 10

Our high school, middle school, even out of high school members will serve pancakes Sunday morning. Come and enjoy some yummy pancakes and your free-will donation will support this summer's mission trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Come and eat!



Youth Ministry this Summer High School

Two Fridays a month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
(Date TBA in the bulletin)
at the Picha Home
12458 Osprey Lane
For dinner, fellowship, prayer

Middle School, High School

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 PM
Hang out every week in the Youth Room

NEWS & Notes...



April 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with devotions and a word of prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

As the new Treasurer, Rick Kolkman spent time with Lauri Askew learning the accounting system.

Kountze will be on the cover of the Mission Investment Fund Annual Report.

Amanda Zasada leaves on April 26. A reception will be held on April 22. Three candidates were interviewed for Amanda's position. One candidate withdrew because of salary.

Pr. Moessner reported he enjoyed this year's Confirmation class and is meeting with the urban cluster ELCA churches to determine what might be next for the group.

Pr. Hall will be at Cambridge for the next 10 weeks. He thanked the Council again for their support.

Next Sunday School subject will be "God's Play" which is a Montessori style of learning. This summer is LYSO, a movie in the courtyard, a weekend Vacation Bible School Camp for all ages, a scavenger hunt, and a Blessing of the Backpacks. The committee discussed starting a Parent Education Group. Christian Education at Kountze is a lifelong faith formation: Children - Teens - Adults.

Congregational Activities Committee is working on plans for the Neighborhood Gathering. Activities will take place in the Courtyard.

Krystle and Ignacio Moraska, missionaries from Argentina/Uruguay, will visit Kountze on July 29.

The new firewall work is completed. Kountze Commons has open wireless access that is separate

from the Clinic. Council members brought up sound issues that occurred on last Sunday's broadcast. These were cleared up in 10 minutes.

Jim Smejkal will become a church employee on May 1. Today is his last Council Meeting. Bob Fonda will now be Council Liaison for Property.

Paul Sum is doing an excellent job with property issues. He is getting a bid from Hawkins for the sanctuary ceiling repair. The Mission Investment Fund recommends asking for more money than might be required, rather than coming back for more later. On April 24, another company will make a bid on the stained glass windows. Chet Worm has been reviewing historical information for Kountze and finding names of previous contractors. The committee is getting info. from Optimized Systems on the heating/cooling of the building.

Friends and Family Luncheon is April 22. The Social Ministry Committee will address 3 areas to start: Eucharistic Ministers, LYSO, Weekly Flower Delivery. Melissa said the committee could be a small core group and involve others as needed for specific tasks.

The OSJ Commissioning and Appreciation Luncheon was held on April 15. Nicole Campbell was named the "2018 Outstanding Acolyte" and gave a wonderful speech at the luncheon.

The Youth Taskforce will become the Search Committee for the "Coordinator of Teen Faith Formation" and meet on May 6.

Micah Fannin is doing an excellent job of managing the investments with the Endowment Board.

deFreese Manor Board's next meeting is April 22.

The Healing Gift Free Clinic is receiving 35 to 50 patients per week. They are working out logistics for the

best work flow in the space.

Paul Sum is doing a wonderful job on the KETV Management Board. With Del Weber's help, we have a couple more fundraising leads.

Neighborhood Gathering is June 24. Decided to postpone a new pictorial directory for 1 year.

Pastor Olaf met with the Bishop about Luther House of Study. This is an alternate training track for individuals to go into the ministry. Pastoral shortage is nationwide. Those who decide to become a pastor indicated that Bible Camp during youth was a major influence. The second largest influence was grandparents.

Paul Sum put a recommendation to the Council to give Jim Smejkal up to \$5,000 of spending approval in case of emergencies. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

It was recommended to consider starting Advent and Lent midweek services at 6:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM to help families with young children and people working in downtown.

Kudos to Shannon Picha for taking the lead in building camaraderie among the high school youth. She recently had a pizza and movie night at her home. Chad mentioned that a few more youth have signed up for the Houston trip as a result of the team building. Since the high school gatherings have built positive camaraderie, he and Shannon plan on more home gatherings.

At last month's Council Meeting, we didn't formally vote for new members Melissa and Rick. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously by the Council.

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote by the Council and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Crowned

Sunday, June 17, 9 & 11 AM

The Men's singing group known as Crowned will be joining Kountze Memorial for worship on Sunday,



June 17 at both services. Crowned would very much like to thank Carolyn Sieling for accompanying them on the piano and to Pastor Olaf for allowing them to use Kountze as practice space. The gentlemen in the group truly feel like their ministry is just starting to spread and they hope their message reaches the people that God calls for them to reach. On that Sunday, if you would like to give an offering to their ministry, there will be offering buckets around the Sanctuary.

To follow Crowned on their journey, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/CrownedQuartet/>



Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
IN THE CITY FOR GOOD

We are nearing the close of our first three-year capital campaign for the building of Kountze Commons. Officially, the first "In the City for Good" campaign ends January 31, 2018. This Fall we will conduct a Debt Reduction Campaign that will receive gifts in 2019.

We are very pleased to announce a gift of \$500,000 from the Holland Foundation and a gift of \$100,000 from the Mammel Foundation (½ in July, ½ in December).

Everyone is reminded to fulfill their campaign pledge by the end of this year. Here is the good news: every dollar now given will be applied directly to the loan principal.

As of April 30th the mortgage loan balance stood at \$4,394,829. Our next payment is due June 1st (\$28,653, of which \$14,826 is principal and \$13,827 is Interest) and we will be reducing the loan principal by at least \$14,826.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Update on the Kountze Family Library

The library committee is in the process of updating the computer catalogue, taking inventory, and tracking down unreturned /overdue books. If you have overdue books (some are years overdue), please return them so

THE LONGEST DAY OF PRAYER

June 21, 2018

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
Personal Meditation opens at 6:30 pm
Vespers at 7 pm

Lutheran Church of the Master
8:15 am – 8 pm Open for Prayer

Parsons House
2:30 pm Service of Music and Scriptures

St Andrew's Methodist Church
8 AM – 8 PM Chapel Open for Prayer

Hosted by Denise McCown and family
All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's
Association, and go towards raising
funds for The Longest Day



we can include them in the inventory. The inventory will enable us to also reorganize the shelves and remove any materials that do not fit our library goals. Until the reorganization is completed, we ask for no book or materials donations during this time. Because the library has limited space, we will be announcing a new donation policy in the future that will follow our goals for the library collection.

Library Goals -- to build a well-rounded carefully chosen collection of materials, as space permits, to include inspirational and devotional books and media reference materials, theological works, and specific denominational resources and to include materials for specific groups, inspirational biographies and autobiographies, selected fiction and non-fiction, special children's books, and materials addressing specific interests, such as social concerns, health and wellness, marriage and family life, or care giving.



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, June 2 & July 7
4:30-5:00 PM
Bride's Room near Sanctuary

Sunday, June 17 and July 15
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

Tuesday, June 5 & July 3, 12:00 PM
\$4.00 for Lunch

Please join us, in June, on Tues. the 5th. Our speaker will be Mick McGuire. Don't miss out on his program, titled, "Adventures and Misadventures, of a Habitat Volunteer From Omaha to Mt. Everest." He will also be telling us about a trip to Nepal!

Then we will meet again in July, on Tues. the 3rd. This is one of our most popular events! It's BINGO time! There will be prizes galore!

Lunch will be served, on both dates, at noon. The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!



Women's News

- Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet on June 12 at noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 2725 North 60th Avenue. The program will be Katie the comfort dog--If interested in attending call Carole at 402-339-2056.
- The next W-ELCA Board meeting will be on June 14 at 9:30 AM.

KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, June 21 & July 19, 11:30 AM
At Kountze Memorial - Cost \$10

The Men's Luncheon meets the third Thursday of each month, at 11:30. We enjoy conversation and a meal. We hear presentations on a variety of topics. Presenters may be from the community and within the congregation. Topics may be directly theological, always inviting us to consider how faith connects with the wider community and all of creation.

June 21 we will hear from Katie Larson, about the community work she has been doing. And, we will learn of her plans as she heads to seminary in Denver this fall.

On July 19 we will learn of the work of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, featuring Kountze member David Klug, who has served as board chair.

Baptism Seminar

Sunday, July 8, Noon
(immediately following 11:00 AM service)

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



Thank You to all who expressed your sympathy at the death of my sister's husband, following a long illness. Your kind comments and thoughtful cards showed the comfort and hope our Lord offers. Donna and I also appreciate the time away so I could officiate at the funeral in southern Illinois and the committal in Lincoln.

Pastor Paul Moessner

Greetings from the University of Cambridge! From Pr. Ashley Hall



As one of the world's oldest universities (founded in 1209!), there are many traditions and customs here. The whole city seems to revolve around the university and it is, in many ways, an academic's paradise. It is an honor to receive a Visiting Fellowship from the Divinity Faculty, which gives me access to an amazing system of libraries for a new research project on how our Lutheran ancestors in the 17th and 18th century understood the authority of Scripture.

I am living at the Wesley House, a house of studies for Methodist graduate students and pastors. It is located very near the city center, and a 30-minute walk to the main university library. I spend most of time at a desk in the library or cruising the stacks of books.

But its not all work here. The amazing architecture and natural settings (with many gardens) make the

evening walks home a delight. I was also made a Fellow at Selwyn College (Fellows are professors responsible for the administration of a college). My position is a sinecure, which means I have no such responsibilities, but I am still given access to the faculty lounge and occasional dining privileges at the high table. On Ascension Day, I was a guest at a festive Eucharist and feast in great hall of Trinity College. It was a life-time experience!



I occasionally join my Methodist colleagues for morning prayer and on Sundays, I worship at Little St. Mary's (so named to distinguishing it from Great St. Mary's, the university church), an Anglican parish where George Washington's great-uncle was the pastor. The two pictures are of me in the fellow's garden of Trinity College and the main gate of Selwyn College (citing 1 Cor 16:13 across the portal).

Summer Series with Our Ecumenical Neighbors

Please join us for three-sessions entitled "The Gospel and the Kingdom: Christian Witness in Downtown Omaha" on Thursdays, August 2, 9, and 16 with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and First Central Congregational (UCC). As three large, historic, and traditional downtown congregations, the three of us share many opportunities and challenges.

In the midst of our differences, we are stronger together in our dedication to serving the gospel.

The first session will be held at Trinity Cathedral, and will be a panel discussion that explores the way in which the gospel informs our real world engagement and witness. The second session will be held at Kountze, which continues

the conversation, but also presents a "case study" of the highly innovative and effective way Kountze has done just that through Kountze Commons. The third session will be held at First Central, and will be a facilitated conversation about what we might be called to do together as a witness to the gospel in downtown Omaha (work around race, economics, etc.).

Please join us and invite a friend!
Time TBA in the next Good News.

“Feeding the Hungry in Christ’s Name.”

By “JP” Joyce Palmer

Thanks to all who have or are serving at the weekly Food Pantry, have donated food items, pick up food, and have provided financial support for this ministry outreach program of the congregation. Special thanks to the Sunday school children for planting tomato seeds so that six-inch plants could be given to the pantry guests for their gardens; now they can have fresh produce at their homes this summer. Also, thanks to the quilters for allowing ten of their LWR creations to be displayed in the pantry distribution room; the colorful quilts brighten the space and helps with the acoustics.

During the summer, many of the volunteers will be away for vacation and other activities. So if you have been looking for a place to spend time on Mondays, consider this your official invitation to sign up to serve a two-hour shift on a Monday (or more if you’d like). There are two shifts – 9:00-11:00 AM & 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. The lime green Pantry Sign-Up Notebook can be found on the back counter in Meeting Rooms A&B. You are welcomed to observe the

pantry operation to see if this is a volunteer opportunity for you, contact our Urban Ministry Coordinator (Joyce “JP” Palmer) to arrange a visit. “JP” can be reached at the church office, 402-341-7761 or joyce@kmlchurch.org.

It is amazing that every week there are number of new guests at the pantry. Also, amazing is the community support that continues to arrive in forms of organizations ‘adopting’ the pantry for their food drive and their interest in how they can help sustain this vital service for God’s children.

Remember the Pantry donation box is in the west entry. The food items distributed at pantry are: fruit, vegetables, beans (canned & dried), soup, pasta, pancake mix, cereal, tuna, canned meats, fruit juice (medium size containers), salad dressing, mustard, catsup, oil, instant coffee, 1 lb. boxes granulated sugar, syrup, jam/jelly, peanut butter. Should you have extra garden produce this summer, contact “JP” to see if we have space to distribute your extra beans, squash, tomatoes, apples, peaches, pears, etc.

20th Annual Neighborhood Gathering and Jazz Service Sunday, June 24



All KMLC children, youth, families, friends, and members, as well as those in the community, are invited to attend the 20th annual Neighborhood Gathering.

Bring the family for FREE food, plus carnival games, inflatables, carriage rides, face-painting, prizes, balloons, the Omaha Street Railway Jazz Band, and more! A fun time will be had by all!

If you are able to lend a hand – please complete the insert in the bulletin and place in the offering plate or turn in at the church office.

Calendar...



June 1 Friday
6:00 PM Parent's Night Out

June 2 Saturday
Homebound Communion
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship/
Celebration of Life Choir

June 3 Sunday
Homebound Communion
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)

June 4 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

June 5 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

June 6 Wednesday
MS/HS in Youth Room
9:30 AM LYSO Planning
Meeting
12:15 PM Worship

June 7 Thursday
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free
Clinic

June 9 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship

June 10 Sunday
8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)
12:00 PM Book Group

June 11 Monday
Jun 11 - Jun 15 LYSO
10:00 AM Pantry

June 12 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

June 13 Wednesday
MS/HS in Youth Room
9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship

June 14 Thursday
Council Reports Due

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

June 16 Saturday
9:30 AM Women's Prayer
Group
5:00 PM Worship

June 17 Sunday
Father's Day
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure
Checks
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School
Summer Fun (2yr-8th)
10:30 AM Executive
Committee

June 18 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

June 19 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl
Group
6:00 PM Congregational
Council

June 20 Wednesday
MS/HS in Youth Room
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @
deFreese Manor

June 21 Thursday
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free
Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5
7:00 PM Longest Day -
Alzheimer's Awareness

June 22 Friday
6:00 PM Movie Night

June 23 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship

June 24 Sunday
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School
Summer Fun (2yr-8th)
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Neighborhood Gathering
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

June 25 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

June 26 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM KETV Management
Board
7:00 PM Circle 3

June 27 Wednesday
Jun 27 - Jul 1 ELCA Youth
Gathering
MS/HS in Youth Room
12:15 PM Worship

June 28 Thursday
1:30 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free
Clinic
June 30 Saturday
Homebound Communion
9:30 AM Women's Prayer
Group Breakfast (offsite)
5:00 PM Worship

July 1 Sunday
Homebound Communion
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School
Summer Fun (2yr-8th)

July 2 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry
July 3 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

July 4 Wednesday
Independence Day
MS/HS in Youth Room

OFFICE CLOSED

July 5 Thursday
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free
Clinic

July 7 Saturday
4:30 PM Blood Pressure
Checks
5:00 PM Worship

July 8 Sunday
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School
Summer Fun (2yr-8th)
12:00 PM Book Group

July 9 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

July 10 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

July 11 Wednesday
MS/HS in Youth Room
9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship

July 12 Thursday
9:30 AM WELCA Board
Meeting
11:30 AM Property
Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free
Clinic

July 14 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship

July 15 Sunday
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure
Checks
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr
9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School
Summer Fun (2yr-8th)
10:30 AM Executive
Committee

July 16 Monday
 Good News Deadline
 10:00 AM Pantry

July 17 Tuesday
 Pr. Inba's bday
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
 6:00 PM Congregational Council

July 18 Wednesday
 MS/HS in Youth Room
 12:15 PM Worship
 5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor

July 19 Thursday
 Council Reports Due
 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
 7:00 PM Circle 5

July 20 Friday
 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School (Camp) for All Ages

July 21 Saturday
 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School (Camp) for All Ages
 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 5:00 PM Worship

July 22 Sunday
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

July 23 Monday
 10:00 AM Pantry
 12:00 PM Endowment Board

July 24 Tuesday
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM Circle 3

July 25 Wednesday
 MS/HS in Youth Room
 12:15 PM Worship

July 26 Thursday

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

July 28 Saturday
 5:00 PM Worship

July 29 Sunday
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

July 30 Monday
 10:00 AM Pantry

July 31 Tuesday
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting



1. Jason Boehm, Charles Martis, Staci McDowell, Delaney Morgan, Justin Pestel, Jack Ruesch, Jeannie Swanson, Joyce Wachal
2. Rebecca Klemmensen, Jacqueline Lynch, Katie Wardell, Eric Westerman
3. Victoria Bratcher, Joseph Councill III, Genevieve Micek
4. Eugene Brady, Jocelyn Burt, Matthew Glasgow, Summer Kunkel, Taylor Morrow
5. Ruby Nielsen, James Reed, Toby Rees
6. Patricia Bressman, Shirley Huston, Todd Jacobson, Lawrence Storer, Matthew Traub, Olivia Weddell, Diana Wendt
7. Todd Gammel, Peggy Johnson, Dianne Ratliff, Holden Ray, John Schneiderman
8. Dulcinea Boesenberg, Kristen Snyder, Hannah Riesenber, Linda Hirsh, Elizabeth Pemberton
9. Zachary Bass, Judith Stuart
10. Patricia Councill, Steven Duffield, John Kunz, Tanya Hoffman
11. Dwaine Carlson, Donna Crouse, Daniel Dosen, Jane Ross, Donald Johnson, David Robinson
12. Joan Amos, Natalie Bass, Susan Bass, Matthew Coufal, Marvin Kovar, David Mayberry, Meryl Severson, Lorin Swingen, Margarita Valquier
13. Brian Kooienga, Stephanie Schade
14. Fawn Bottolfson, Dean Winther
15. Steven Amos, Michael Bailey, Melissa Forman, Lyle (Chad) McFarland, Lynnette Mullins, Rosemarie Schmidt, Lyle Segelberg
16. Elizabeth Comfort, Marcy Madison, Boyd Nansel
17. Jim Brand, Elizabeth Broekemeier; Nicholas Fogleman, Steven Jacobson, Wyatt Loucks, Kristina Pache, Elizabeth Snyder
18. Kathryn Allen, Nicole Campbell, Karen Rohde, Roseann Slattery
19. Lisa Chinn, Linda Hammond, Amy

20. McFarland, Nancy Meyer
21. Maria Bang, Carl Falk, Tim Laudenback, LeClare Steffen, Sara Worm, Richard Zaporowski
22. Linda Herrington, Jeba Inbarasu, Frank-John Maaske
23. Jessica Coufal, Peggy Glasser, Thomas Jacobsen, Rudolf Kotula, Robert Mason, Jean Williams
24. Nathan Fogleman, Adam Klinker, Heidi Wood
25. Elaine Bonfante, Cindy Featherly, David Gardner, Timothy Kantor, Austin King, Phyllis Kuthan, Patti Line
26. Judith Boelts, Nathan Egger, Joshua Olson, Lynn Peterson, Ryan Soukup
27. Jamee Bjerke, Thomas Holcombe
28. Joe Doremus
29. Jaime Bartley, Shirleen Collett, Penny Hovendick, Joan Nilson, Ryan Swinney, Joanne Worm
30. Brian Miller, Robin Perkins, Kim Rasmussen, Betty Thomas, Douglas Weedman
31. Michael Bratcher, Nancy Nepodal



1. Kai-Di Johnson, Jessica Kuthan, Pam Reinke, Stephen Sieberson
2. Dottie Bossman, Diana John, Julie Milks, Nicole Neuschwanger, Laurie Pestel
3. Christopher Edris, Sandra Poulsen, Hanna Silver, Karen Sundell
4. Donald Burton, Amie James
5. Kristy Baker, Wilfred Higa, Charles Taylor
6. Anne Dey, Ann Hadfield
7. Alex Hardy, Naomi Klein, Nichole Turgeon, Stacey White
8. Tom Irving, Renee Johnson, Mabel Wangler
9. Gary Christiansen, Barbara Eckhorn, Carl Hartmann, Stephanie Stephens, Timothy Walker
10. Kristine Beverly, Amanda Fogle, Lorie

11. Groenjes, Rick Lienemann, Sarah Penn, Bridget Robbins
12. Scott Rowe, Joel Sacks
13. Mona Brethouwer, Steven Fonda, Jean Johnson, Rick Kolkman, Eva Reed, Pam Swanger
14. Alan Larsen, Patricia Muller
15. Allison Albright, Christy Edris, Kim Heye, Douglas Lash, Elaine Miller, Rosemary Tessin, Dorothy VanCaster, William Vawter, Robert Williams
16. Caleb Fili, Robert Nelson
17. Kelsey Ferry, Inba Inbarasu, Dakota Perez, Samuel Williams
18. Natasha Edwards, Florence Hansen, Chad Waccholtz
19. Pegi Georgeson, Ian Hartfield, Orville Knapp, Katharine Schjodt, Dallas Schramm, Barbara Smrkovsky
20. Deborah Edris, Deborah Fogleman, Judith Hamaker, Browyn King, Daniel Sanfilippo, Ruth Sayre, Richard Taylor
21. Nancy Ayoub, Bennett Bressman, Patrick Brommer, Patrick Edwards, Vicki Freeman, Allyssa Hansen, Wayne Houston, Robert Mullins, Cynthia Whitmyre
22. Lawrence Harvey, Catherine Herzberg, Christine Manion
23. Janelle Kelso, Suzanne Muller, Del Weber
24. Velma Wolf
25. Robert Comfort, Shanen Hoke, Timothy Holland, Kallie Egeland, Carl Reichert
26. Abbi Miranda Carreto, Dayle Johnson, Roxann Perrine
27. Carol Coffey, Tanya Kuenning, Jeffrey West
28. Vick Jo Berlett, Melanie Bratcher, Linda Hoagland, Kelli Rolfsmeyer, Stuart Sedlak
29. Susan Adkins, Ashley Berggren, Dustin Bladt, Kory Bladt, Janice Falk, Sherry Garrett, Howard Jensen, Charles Kocourek
30. Barbara Dilly, Colleen Furjanic, Lee Johnson, Joni Larsen-Hoke, Kimberly Merrill
31. Marilyn Larkowski, Wayne Palmer, Jr., Melissa Petru, Carolyn Sieling, Sarah Storer

