

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## From Our Presiding Bishop

We continue the Easter Celebration during the month of May, which culminates in the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost (June 9). On behalf of us all, I want to thank everyone whose work made our Holy Week and Easter celebration so wonderful: our staff, the Altar Guild, our musicians and choir, ushers and greeters, communion assistants and members of the Order of Saint John. A special thank you to Marlys Duin and crew for providing such fine meals during Lent.

On May 5, six of our young people will affirm their baptism through the rite of confirmation: *Braden Bonacci, Sofia Di Lorenzo, Ryan Gardner, Johnny Groenjes, Sharolyn Lampman and Mackenzie Miller*.

May 12 is Mother's Day and we will honor all the women present with a special gift.

May 18/19 we will be privileged to have Seminarian Adam Klinker preach. Adam is completing his first year of studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary. It will also be the last day of Sunday School. We will also install our Call Committee which has begun the work of searching for a new Associate Pastor.

Keep Pastor Hall in your prayers as he does research in Wittenberg, Germany. He will be returning to the United States on July 9. Also keep in prayer our Office Manager, Debbie Bogue, who will be having knee replacement surgery and will be out of the office for a while in May.

*Pastor Olaf*

Getting a phone call in the middle of the night is never a good thing. I remember the second time my father had open-heart surgery. It was a long procedure and a difficult one, and after it was done the doctor called us to his office and said, "There's been some bleeding. We'll let you know, but you should go home now and rest." And so going home that night, I listened for a phone call in the middle of the night and was awakened only to find out it was morning and it was birds singing, not the phone ringing. My father had made it through the night, and in fact he did recover from the surgery.

This is the joy we feel at Easter, but magnified. All of the hope that had been dashed on Good Friday, the terrible pressure of grief, the terrible pressure of knowing there was no future in the world, only on Sunday to be greeted not by the ringing of a telephone announcing death but the loud clear singing of alleluias. This is the joy we have, and it's a promise so strong that even when we do die, even when we do confront death, we have the hope and the assurance of eternal life.

Easter makes it possible for us, even at the grave, to sing alleluia. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter, dear church!

*The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton*  
*Presiding Bishop*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

# 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](http://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](http://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.



## Church Broadcasts

You can sponsor a broadcast in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary, etc. The cost of sponsoring one broadcast is currently \$175.

## Joint Ascension Day Festive Eucharist with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Thursday, May 30, 7:00 PM

KMLC will host the fifth joint Eucharist with  
**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**  
on the Feast of the Ascension

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Easton will preach  
Pr. Olaf will preside  
All are welcome!

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# GROW with us...

## May Adult Forum

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall

10:10 - 10:50 AM

May 5	Confirmation Reception
May 12	Fellowship Forum
May 19	TBA
May 26	No Forum (Labor Day)

## DISCOVERY TRIP

July 16–27, 2019 | Moshi, Tanzania



Last November, Jonna Holland and Carol Stoltenberg shared their Tanzania experiences with us at a Sunday morning

Forum. Even though both of them had traveled quite a bit before, this was a special kind of trip, different and more meaningful than anything they had so far experienced. The people they met were so poor and yet so joyful and generous.

If you would like to participate in the 2019 Discovery Trip to Tanzania, check out the details at <https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/da73c243-3f82-4e78-8696-03d37afe9824.pdf>. But BEWARE! This is a life changing adventure! Consider joining Carol on this trip of a lifetime and get the chance to see the “big 5” African animals on a Serengeti safari as well.

## High School Youth Forums on Vocations

Sunday mornings, 10:10 AM

Our Youth Forums this spring will continue to focus on vocations. Kountze Members will speak to you about their profession, the education necessary to attain the profession, and the work involved. They will also speak about how their faith in God impacts their vocation. Most important, there will be time for you to ask questions about the work they do.

May 5	Education
May 12	Marketing & Advertising
May 19	Last Forum of the Year
May 26	No Forum (Labor Day)
June 2	Graduate Recognition Sunday



There are more people than we realize who consider Kountze Memorial as “their church” even though they have

never been inside our building, thanks to our Television Ministry.

Rena Mae McPherson was one of those members. Rena was a shut-in and enjoyed watching Kountze on television each Sunday. She included Kountze Memorial in her estate because she “wanted to help others to be able to enjoy this television ministry” as well.

We're thankful that Rena was able to join us via television and that she thought of including us in her estate. Thank you also to all of our behind the scenes Media Ministry volunteers that make the weekly broadcasts and live-streaming possible.

## Family and Friends Lunch

Sunday, May 5, 12:30 PM

The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon, followed by Holy Communion, for all homebound members and friends

of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. 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](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org). Our Eucharistic Ministers will also be attending. Please join us!



## Pastoral Acts

(March 16 – April 15)

Baptisms:

Adalyn Claire Wilson, March 24, 2019

Weddings:

John McDermott/Melissa Conroy, April 13, 2019

Funerals:

Alan Larsen, March 22, 2019

Dwaine Carlson, April 12, 2019



# SERVE with us...



Help your mom  
celebrate Mother's Day by  
worshiping with her!

# Mother's DAY

*Her children rise up and call her blessed...*  
Proverbs 31:28, ESV

## May is Prevention of Blindness Month



Kountze will again be collecting used eyeglasses. They will be cleaned and used at a health fair for the homeless later this summer.

Thank you for supporting this community outreach. There will be a basket at the Welcome Desk for collecting the glasses.

## Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is serving over 400 people per week; many of whom are children. We expect this number to increase dramatically in the coming months with the schools dismissing for the summer, and the increasing temperature. Donations of bottled water and juice would be greatly appreciated. We are also out of the extras that our guests love, such as coffee, instant coffee, jelly, pancake syrup etc., and personal hygiene items. There is a container in the Fellowship Hall for donations.

Thank-you in advance for your continuing generosity!



## Carol Joy Holling Camp Work Day

Saturday, May 18, 2019

8:00 AM - Lunch

Follow signs to check-in location

Carol Joy Holling Camp



# WORK DAY!

HELP US GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Carol Joy Holling needs our help to get their site ready for the over 1,500 campers that will be arriving during the summer. Invite friends and family for a day of work in God's creation!

Individuals and groups are welcome, and all skill levels are needed. Please bring clothes that can get dirty, close-toed shoes, and gloves. Kids are welcome with parent supervision.

Please RSVP by contacting Katherine Albin at [KAlbin@NLOM.org](mailto:KAlbin@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544. You can also sign up online at <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/work-day>.

## The Big Garden Spring Plant Sale

5602 Read Street

April 18 - May 18

The Big Garden was founded in 2005 by United Methodist Ministries through funding from the USDA's Community Food Project.

The Big Garden has helped to establish more than 160 community gardens in urban and rural communities throughout Nebraska, Kansas, and Southwest Iowa. One out of every five children in the U.S. is at risk of hunger.

Prices:

\$2 annual vegetables

\$3 small annual & perennial herbs & flowers

\$4 medium annual & perennial herbs & flowers

Cash, check, & credit card accepted. Proceeds benefit their school garden education programs.

More info at <https://biggarden.org/plantsale>



Planted by United Methodists

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!

### Spring & Summer 2019



**May 19** - Spring Sunday School concludes

**Friday evening, July 19 & Saturday morning, July 20** - Family Vacation Bible School  
For the WHOLE FAMILY!

**August 11** - Blessing of Backpacks

**August 18** - Rally Sunday/First Day of Sunday School

### JOIN US!!

**June 10 - 14, 2019**

**8:30 AM - Noon**

**Grades K - 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendar for this exciting  
summer ministry opportunity.

**Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is hosting  
Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO).**

Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha, or LYSO, is Vacation Bible School with a twist. It features **faith formation, servant-hood, fellowship** and **fun!** Children and youth will gather at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church for breakfast and worship. Everyone is then divided by grade and sent out into the community to serve at sites around the Omaha-Metro area. Upon returning to Kountze, the youth will join together for reflection and a closing worship.

Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO) is designed for youth who have completed Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

LYSO is a chance to do God's work within our community. Children and youth are presented with an opportunity to make positive changes within their community, and by doing so, they are giving glory to God.

Registration is available online at <https://www.jotform.com/Kristinboe/LYSOregistration>.

Adult volunteers needed. Join us in the fun! Please contact Kristin Boe if interested.

For more information about LYSO, please contact Kristin Boe by email: [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org), or phone: 402-341-7761.



### Chain Reaction Day Camp at Kountze

**June 17 - 21**

**Day Camp is for kids going into grades 1 - 6 in the fall  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday\***

**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday**

**\*After care is available from 3:00 to 5:30,  
Monday through Thursday.**

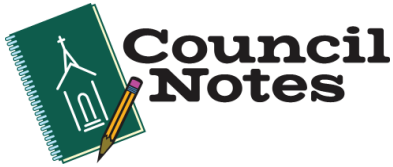
- Each day is packed with great games, cool songs, meaningful Bible study sessions, service projects and worship.
- You'll get a camp "cuppie," Thursday cookout, and great snacks!
- Program leadership provided by a team of trained, college-aged staff from Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Additional hands-on leadership provided by the congregation.
- Invite your family and friends to join us on Friday, 12:00 - 1:00 PM for our witness event/closing program.

Registration for Day Camp is \$20 per child. Get registered early as spots are limited! Register online at <https://www.jotform.com/Kristinboe/daycamp>

Please contact Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) with questions. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the week, with after care, and to host the NLOM staff during the week.



# NEWS & Notes...



March 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The agenda was accepted. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted. Staff reports were reviewed and accepted.

The National Lutheran Choir performance on March 4 was the best choral concert Pr. Roynesdal has attended.

The next Christian Education meeting is March 21. Information about the upcoming day camp with Camp Carol Joy Holling is circulating.

Media/Technology: the time change on March 10 caused issues in televising that morning's worship service.

Property Committee: about a third of the sanctuary ceiling work is completed. We have dipped into the MIF to help defray costs. The company with which we've been talking to regarding the windows has advised on going with vinyl plastic instead of wood which looks good. We've asked for a bid but as yet have not received one. Repairing the false beams in the sanctuary is the next step. Scaffolding will be required. This work could probably be done in July.

Global Mission has not yet met this year. A Trip to Tanzania is being explored with Carol Stoltenberg, through MOSAIC.

Outreach: One new person is attending the new member class. We will have an Easter ad in the Omaha World-Herald's special section on April 14.

Social Ministry: First United Methodist would like their youth to participate in LYSO. First United Methodist is also putting together a "Box City" event to draw attention

to homelessness in our community. Friends and Family dinner is May 5.

Worship and Music: Is looking into the possibility of Adult Forum being recorded or broadcast via the web.

Youth: Presentation for graduating seniors is underway.

Endowment Board: With the departure of Steve Jacobson, we do not have a Council representative on the Endowment Board. Pr. Roynesdal will ask Rick Kolkmann and make other inquiries.

A task force has been assembled for the new pictorial directory.

Bob Fonda presented insurance policy changes related to Kountze Commons and KMLC. The changes were moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

We welcome Steve Urlaub as the newest member of the KMLC Council. Steve has been assigned to the Congregational Activities committee. Scott Henneman was elected as the new vice president of the KMLC Council.

Our new Ministry Site Profile is posted.

Synod Assembly will be in Kearney this year. We are looking for five to seven voting members to attend.

KMLC will sponsor a table and find people interested in attending the Camp Carol Joy Holling Benefit

KMLC will look into sponsoring a table at the UNL Lutheran Center Benefit to help this ministry.

There was a discussion on the debt repayment options on Kountze Commons. More to come in the April meeting.

Joyce Palmer has resigned her leadership at the food pantry. She will stay on at the Healing Gift Free Clinic. We will find a temporary replacement.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn, with the Lord's Prayer at 7:09 PM.

The next regular KMLC Council meeting is April 16, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

## New Church Directory

CHEESE!



We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By

participating, you will receive a printed and electronic version of the new directory at no cost to you. Sign up today for your professional photography session.

1. Schedule your appointment online on our website ([www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org))
2. Look for sign-up tables on weekends, located in the Fellowship Hall or the office.
3. Use the QR code on this page
4. Call (Susie: 402-596-9397; Darlene: 402-558-0772; Cookie: 402-593-0429; Liz: 402-957-4775) for assistance.

Our directory won't be complete without you. Sign up today!





Easter Egg Hunt

It's so nice to have a green space we can use for fun activities like our annual Easter Egg Hunt! A great time was had by all - adults and children alike.





## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 3/1/19 .....	\$3,586,161.66
Principal Payment 3/4/19 .....	\$16,850.60
Additional Principal .....	375,000.00
Interest (\$10,802.40)	
Balance, 4/1/19 .....	\$3,194,311.06

## Finances: March 2019

	March	Year-to-Date
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	\$ 129,866	\$ 296,227
<b>Expenses:</b>		
NE Synod Mission Support	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Christian Education:	\$ 587	\$ 1,855
Facility Costs:	\$ 12,500	\$ 57,553
Staff Compensation:	\$ 49,479	\$ 147,415
Worship & Music:	\$ 1,273	\$ 3,733
Youth:	\$ (-785)	\$ 814
Outreach:	\$ 1,376	\$ 5,893
Social Ministry:	\$ 3,625	\$ 9,111
Parish Life:	\$ 2,283	\$ 8,040
Office & Administration:	\$ 5,938	\$ 14,438
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Total Expenses:	\$ 92,778	\$ 256,352

Thank you for your generosity. Please be faithful in your financial support of our ministry during the summer months.

## Call Committee Begins Work

The Call Committee for a new Associate Pastor has begun its work.

Committee members are:

Tim Backora, Chair; Charlie Campbell, Karen Fannin, Mike Jensen (council), Britten Johnson, Jean Johnson, Anna Kidder, Ann Miller (council), Jacob Rump, Ken Wise, and Pastor Olaf Roynesdal. They will be formally installed on May 18/19.

The Committee met with Pastor Juliet Hampton from the Nebraska Synod ELCA on April 3. She outlined the procedures for the call process. The committee met again on April 11 and April 23 to fine-tune our Ministry Profile and to begin formulating interview questions. A description of the pastoral position is now on the ELCA website and can be accessed by any pastor of the ELCA.

Bishop Brian Maas of Nebraska Synod will be meeting with the committee as his schedule permits.

Please keep the important work of this committee in your prayers. Updates will be published as things progress.



## Property Updates

- We will be sealing cracks and replacing one panel of the concrete parking lot as a part of the ongoing maintenance of the facility.
- The Landscaping & Art Work Committee for Kountze Commons will be installing a landscape mural on the west wall of the Commons Link that will highlight our mission: welcoming, serving, growing. The NW stairway window of our new facility will have a photo applied image of Christ with open hands (One hand with a loaf of bread to symbolize the Food Pantry and the other hand with a medical theme item to be determined).
- An area inlet with a below grade drain line to the existing area inlet in the Garden Area has been installed. This will eliminate the water and ice problem we were experiencing with the existing Church roof drain
- The Healing Gift Free Clinic has been renamed to **The Del & Lou Ann Weber Free Clinic.**
- Wall protection chair rail materials have been installed in the Link and Clinic Lobby Area.
- It is anticipated that the sanctuary structural repairs will be completed by June.
- There will be an additional cost to repair and support the Sanctuary wood trim and false beams (\$112,924). This will take eight weeks to install and will be done during the summer.
- Access through the existing attic access ladder and window on the Southwest corner of the attic is being utilized which should not require building the scaffold system and enlarging the wall louver on the North side of the Sanctuary
- We are getting a proposal from McGill Restoration to repoint the stonework at the North end of the West Truss Bearing location as it is leaking water from recent rainstorms which has caused the truss bearing deterioration that was repaired.

## Habitat for Humanity ReStore

### 'Tidying Up' and Decluttering Your Home

'Spark joy' & 'tidying up' have become coin phrases for organizing & decluttering your home, thanks to Marie Kondo.

Donating items to organizations with a good cause might make letting go of an item a little easier. Donating items to the ReStore gives those items an opportunity to 'spark joy' and purpose to another family's home. All sales profit the local community and provides sufficient housing to those who need it. You'll also save the landfill and can feel even better about your decluttering process when you donate it.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org) if you are interested in volunteering.



## Blood Pressure Checks

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

Sunday, May 19  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Fellowship Lounge



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

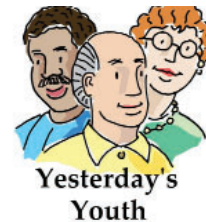
## Yesterday's Youth

Tuesday, May 7, 12:00 PM

\$4.00 for Lunch

All ages are welcome!

We will be having a lighthearted program, of "Fun and Games" with plenty of cheery prizes to go around for all! You won't want to miss out on our delicious Spring lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes! Lunch is served at noon. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, May 3. All ages are welcome! Any questions please call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). Hope to see you there!



## Kountze Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA)

- The Welca board will not meet in May.
- The May Offering is for the Lakota Mission
- April 27 is the Metro Spring Gathering at St. Timothy Lutheran Church (510 N 93<sup>rd</sup> St - 93<sup>rd</sup> & Dodge). Check in is at 8:30 AM with coffee and rolls.
- Kountze Women's Spring Luncheon is on May 4 at 12:00 PM. All are invited.
- The Omaha Lutheran Women's Luncheon is on May 14 at Bethel Lutheran Church (1312 S 45th St) in Omaha.

If you have questions: contact Linda Johnson (h)402-734-0886 (c) 402-699-4473.



## Women's Spring Luncheon



Saturday, May 4  
12:00 PM

## KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, May 16, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by May 12)

At Kountze Memorial

Please join us for the May Men's Luncheon. This month we will have Maren Larsen from Youth Emergency Services (YES) join us to share the various important programs they offer Omaha's Youth.

Suggested donation for lunch is \$10.00. Please RSVP to the Church office by Tuesday, May 14, or you can send an email to [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org).

## Book Group

No Book Group in May (Mother's Day), but join us again on Sunday, June 9, 12:00 PM.

# Calendar...



## **May 1 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
6:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **May 2 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **May 4 Saturday**

Homebound Communion  
12:00 PM Women's Spring Luncheon  
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks  
5:00 PM Worship

## **May 5 Sunday**

Homebound Communion  
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Confirmation  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
12:30 PM Family & Friends Lunch  
2:00 PM Janet Carlsen Concert - Songs of Love, Light, and Life

## **May 6 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

## **May 7 Tuesday**

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

## **May 8 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
12:15 PM Worship

## **May 9 Thursday**

11:30 AM Property Committee  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **May 10 Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal

## **May 11 Saturday**

3:00 PM Bishop & Minzer Wedding  
5:00 PM Worship

## **May 12 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 Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)

## **May 13 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

## **May 14 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM Devotions at deFreese Manor  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos

## **May 15 Wednesday**

Good News Deadline  
12:15 PM Worship  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos

## **May 16 Thursday**

Council Reports Due  
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
7:00 PM Circle 5

## **May 17 Friday**

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos  
Wedding Rehearsal

## **May 18 Saturday**

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
10:00 AM-5:00 PM Directory Photos  
3:00 PM Brashear/Neitzel Wedding  
5:00 PM Worship

## **May 19 Sunday**

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:30 AM Executive Committee  
11:15 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir Picnic

## **May 20 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

## **May 21 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos  
6:00 PM Congregational Council

## **May 22 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos

## **May 23 Thursday**

1:30 PM Circle 4  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **May 24 Friday**

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos

## **May 25 Saturday**

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
Breakfast (offsite)  
10:00 AM-5:00 PM Directory Photos  
5:00 PM Worship

## **May 26 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)  
No Sunday School  
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

## **May 27 Monday**

Memorial Day (Observed)  
OFFICE CLOSED

## **May 28 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos  
7:00 PM Circle 3

## **May 29 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos

## **May 30 Thursday**

Ascension of Our Lord  
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
7:00 PM Ascension Day Liturgy with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral @ Kountze

## **May 31 Friday**

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Directory Photos







1. Edward Bass, Harold Gilliam, Carole Meilahn, Susan Peterson, Mark Phillips, Richard Ray
2. Anita Morse, Shannon Picha, Jeffery Senn, David Tollefson
3. Linda Johnson, Karrie Lyles, Beth Naylor, Teresa Valentine, Allyson White, Bryant Wolf,
4. Lacey Bodnar, Lindsey Bodnar, Linda Knutson
6. Aubri Meldrum
7. Diane Davis, Schyler Hopkins, Heidi LeClair, Helen Lowderman, Debra Putnam, Lynn Sherlund
8. Shirley Bonneau, Dean Herzberg, Jennifer Kropp, Autumn Loucks, Giselle Loucks, Christopher Miley, Richard Sieling, Jennifer Swinney
9. Charles Bressman, Brecke Plourde, Richard Portrey, Sarah Roane
10. Matthew Geiger
11. Natalie Backora, Diana Carrell, Sandra Kucera, Jennifer McCarthy
12. Dane Kucera, Carol Storer
13. Elaine Adams, Harold Gillaspie, Pamela Johnson, Frederick Wachal
15. Donald Berney, Scott Fonda, Shannon Fonda, Kay Jones, Lisa Montag
16. Jean Bowman, Spencer Link, Jane Lynam, Gretchen Mathiason, Brooke Reinert, Terry Schatzberg
17. Tracy Fletcher, Nicholas Kanning, Dirk Petersen
18. Linda Ackerson, Amber Boehm, Frank Ferguson, Kate Jones, Elizabeth Larkowski, Courtney Senn
19. Sarah Clifford, Michael Johnston, Erin Steffen, Melissa Titus
20. Donald Johnston
21. Olta Gjoca, Elizabeth Moldenhauer, Peter Smock, Lyn Ziegenbein
22. Rose Bartling, Susan Clark, Melody Diggins
23. Nicholas Barrett, Samuel Comfort, Kevin Grisso, Norma Pafford, Stephen Pera, Lorna Swingen, Karen Wolf
24. Jackson Barrett, Brittany Edwards, Patricia Ranney, Steven Thomas, Stephen Urlaub
25. Susann Henry, Mary Kersey, Mary Olson, David Swift
26. Rebecca Brusky, Idonna Meyer
27. H. Hyland, Ashley Ingram, Emma Mirch, Jeremy Sarich, John Ziegenbein
28. Laura Hansen, Stephanie Martens, Tracey Sweet, Dean Vancaster
29. Joy Borchman, Williams Bottolfson, Brandt John, Jackson Martis, Jeffrey Martis
30. Lawrence Battaglia, Melissa Hardersen, Greta Rohrberg, Michaela Ruma, Amanda Sneckenberg, Noah Storer
31. Elnora Carlson, Marie Dixon, Dolores Hiatt, Kelly Rudie, Dan Shelby, Morgan Stouffer

## First Communion



We welcomed four children to the table for their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. These children have completed their study

on Communion.

Sophia Grace Bookout  
Luc Henry Johnson  
Braxton Robert Rees  
Alexander Paul Strazdas



We give thanks and are grateful to our church family and friends for the prayers, cards, warm words of comfort, and support at the time of Scott Diggins passing (Ralph's son). Also the continued prayers and support for Ralph during his battle with cancer.

From our hearts in Christian love,  
*Ralph and Janet Diggins*

## Joyful Sounds Children's Choir Reminder

NO rehearsal Sunday, May 19. Then 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM there will be a Kids' Choir Picnic with their families, in the new Kountze Commons Courtyard (note: change of venue). Meat, beverages, and dessert are provided. Please bring chips/veggies/fruit or other sides to share. Thank you! There will be fun lawn games to play and if there is rain, we will move indoors.

It's been a wonderful year! Thank you parents for your support.  
*Donna Moessner*

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

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is  
televised live on Cox Cable Ch. 13  
and live streamed on our website.

## **RISE HEART; THY LORD IS RISEN**

**Songs of Love, Light, and Life**

**Janet Carlsen Campbell**  
Mezzo-soprano

**Christi Zuniga**  
Piano

**Sunday, May 5, 2019 2:00 p.m.**

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