

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH GOOD NEWS



Advent, 2019

at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
December 4, 11, & 18
12:15 PM (with Eucharist)
6:30 PM (with Holden Evening Prayer)

In this season of Advent, we will be adding an element of guided reflections during the time for a homily/sermon for our midweek services. A guided reflection follows the ancient Christian practice of *lectio divina*. First and most commonly used in the monastery, *lectio divina* is a practice of reading a short biblical text and reflecting on its meaning in our lives. We will be aided in this process through a series of guided questions or prompts, read by the pastor, for you to prayerful consider in silence. This is a time for you to speak to God and to create space where we might here more clearly how God wishes to speak to us.



Our themes will be:

Preparation/Expectation (December 4),
Repentance (December 11), and
Annunciation (December 18).

We will use *Holden Evening Prayer* as a Vespers liturgy.

We ask you to enter and depart the nave *in silence*, out of respectful reverence for this house of prayer and for those who have gathered early or staying later to pray. We begin worship without announcements. The lights will be dimmed and several candles lit. The mood of the midweek liturgies (at noon and in the evening) will be contemplative and reflective as we prepare for the coming of the one is "the way, the truth, and the life."

Pastor H. Ashley Hall

ADVENT MEALS

Jim Smejkal and Marlys Duin, together with a fine crew of volunteers, will be serving a noon dinner (11:00-Noon) and an evening supper (5:00-6:15 PM). The tentative menu for these meals will be as follows:

December 4:

Windsor Pork Loin
Scalloped potatoes
Buttered corn
Dinner rolls
Assorted dessert bars

December 11:

Baked spaghetti w/garlic bread
Salad
Assorted dessert bars

December 18:

Chicken casserole
Green beans
Dinner rolls
Assorted dessert bars

Kitchen Volunteers are always welcome. If you'd like to help contact Jim. His email is: Jim@kmlchurch.org

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.



Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



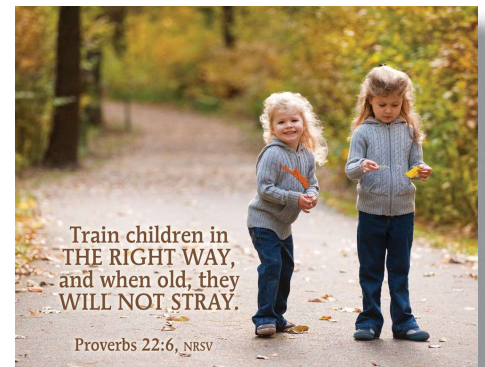
Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can now also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

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.

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity

bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available. We also have a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.



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. We have been informed that the cost of our weekly Cable Broadcast is increasing from \$175/service to \$200/service for a total for 2020 of \$10,600 (52 services plus Christmas Eve Broadcast).

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GROW with us...



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

- December 1: Advent Fair
December 8: Pastor Chandran Paul Martin, ELCA Missionary (India)
December 15: No Forum (Fellowship time)
December 22: Christmas Worship Preview
December 29: No Forum (Fellowship time)
January 5: No Forum (Fellowship time)



New Member Class

New Member Class Sundays, January 19 & 26 12:15 - 2:00 PM

If you are interested in joining our congregation or would just like more information about Kountze Memorial, we encourage you to join us. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is

provided.

You may indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office. Let us know if you will need childcare when you register (402-341-7761). New members will be received on February 2.

St. John's Bible Series at the Joslyn Museum

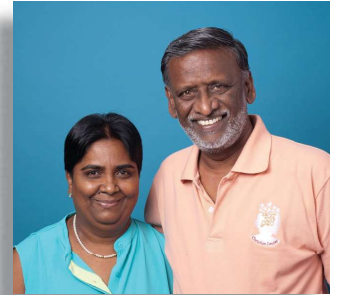
The final talk will be held at 2:00 PM in the auditorium of the Joslyn Museum (2200 Dodge); admission is free and open to the public.

- December 8: Gospel Portraiture and the Art of Interpretation (Sue Calef)



Welcome Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, ELCA Missionary December 7 and 8

Please join us as we welcome Rev. Chandran Paul Martin for services on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5:00 PM, and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Pastor Martin will also share his mission work experiences during the Sunday 10:00 AM Adult Forum.



From The ELCA Global Church Sponsorship:

Pastor Chandran and his wife Mercy live in India where Chandran serves as the ELCA Regional Representative for the churches in Asia and the Pacific. His primary responsibility is diatonic ministries, which include health care, development, disaster response, and sustainable community-based development ministries with the ELCA companions in the region. Chandran loves church music and liturgy. He also plays some basic percussion instruments. Preaching is a passion in which he constantly grapples with the Word of God and the words of people. For him, justice, inclusiveness, and dignity are essential principles in his spirituality.

From Pastor Martin: ELCA Global Missions Summer Newsletter July 2019

It's always good to be back with communities who continue to change their lives with little, sometimes even simple interventions, and this one from the Church's development initiatives. Have been visiting the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church's Agricultural Integrated

Development Projects (AIDP) that operates in Jharkand, West Bengal and Assam. The project focuses on training rural communities in new agricultural methods, nursery development, and distribution of saplings, WASH (Wash, Sanitation and Hygiene) that includes digging of huge ponds and bore wells, social forestry, farmers' school, training in weaving and livelihood too. Many families, including women have been able to improve the incomes and 'quality of life'. The Global Mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through its sustainable development resources supports this project. Your support and solidarity go to the transformation of peoples' lives.

In addition to support for Pastor Martin, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is also grateful for the opportunity to sponsor missionaries in Tanzania, Argentina, and Mexico. We are A City-Wide Church With A World-Wide Ministry . To God be the Glory!

SERVE with us...

God's Work. Our Hands.

Sitting here, in our beautiful Kountze sanctuary, or in the relative comfort of our Omaha-area homes, how do we carry out the command to use our hands to do God's work? How do we answer Christ's call to serve "the least of these"? Alternative Gifts enable us to do both. Buying chicks for a family in a developing country or school fees for a child in Tanzania is a way to answer God's call. These are gifts that honor our family and friends with the true meaning of Christmas.

When you give someone an Alternative Gift, you triple the blessings: The person who receives the gift not only feels your love and generosity, they will be honored that you gave them a gift that truly makes a difference in someone's life. You will also feel the blessing of giving a gift that represents God's love and compassion for all people and rejects the commercialization of Christmas. The third blessing is for the child or family who benefits from your gift of food, medicine, education, or a step towards self-sufficiency.

As always there will be a variety of Alternative Gifts



available for purchase each Sunday during Advent in Fellowship Hall. This makes it easy to find a cause or organization that would be the best gift for your friends and family. We will also offer hand-made and fair trade gift items on two of the Sundays in Advent. The BeadforLife jewelry made from recycled paper will be available for purchase on December 8, and the hand-made Christmas ornaments made by women in Vietnam will be available on December 15. And, as always, we will have goats, chicks, UN refugee tents as well as support for Kountze Pantry and the Weber Free Healing Clinic, along with other favorite gifts from recent years.

The full list of Alternative gifts available this year will be included as a bulletin insert during Advent. To buy a gift with triple blessings, please stop by the Alternative Gift table in Fellowship Hall between worship services December 1, 8, 15, and 22. Come join us in doing God's work!



Holiday Meal Bags for Kountze Pantry

Our Food Pantry holiday meal bags will be distributed in December; 300 in total.

This year's holiday food items include:

- fully cooked ham (3 lb)
- corn (15 oz)
- green beans (15 oz)
- pineapple tidbits/chunks (20 oz)
- fruit cocktail/mixed fruit (14 oz)
- cranberries jellied/whole (14 oz)
- stuffing (13 oz)
- mashed potatoes (13 oz)
- cream mushroom/cream chicken (10 oz)
- quart shelf sustainable milk.



These items will be placed in a reusable tote with a Christmas card and a prayer square. The approximate cost of the 2019 holiday meal bag is \$25. The food items

have been changed from previous years to help maintain the cost yet provide additional food items. This project is accomplished by the generous support of Kountze Memorial and Saint Michael Lutheran members and friends.

You are invited to make a financial contribution for this annual holiday give away. Your gift can be given through the offering, please designate to the holiday meal bags or through the on-line giving page (<https://www.kmlchurch.org>).

Thank you for your continued financial contributions, gifts of food, personal care, garden vegetables, and orchard fruits. Volunteers are always needed. The Monday shifts are 9:00-11:00 AM and 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The volunteer sign-up book is on the back counter in the A & B Rooms.

Should you have any questions or want to discuss ways to support the pantry, please contact Susann Henry, director of the Food Pantry. You can contact Susie at 402-341-7761 or susannfrances@gmail.com

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!

Advent Fair

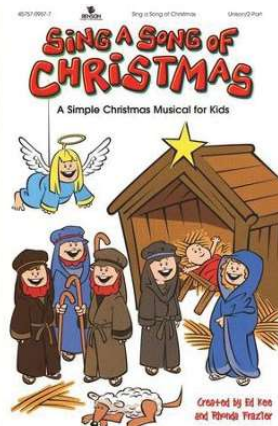
Don't forget, the Advent Fair is Sunday, December 1, between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Make a variety of Christmas crafts. Fun for the entire family!



Children's Program

Sing a Song of Christmas Sunday, December 15, 9:00 AM

The Joyful Sounds Choir and all Sunday School children are learning this program currently. We are rehearsing during Sunday School time, children's sermon, and regular choir rehearsal. It is very important to have your children to these rehearsals:



- December 1 (only choir and children's sermon because the Advent Fair is during Sunday School)
- December 8
- DRESS REHEARSAL Saturday, December 14, 9-10:30 AM.

Children have received the music and a CD. Please help them learn their songs.

THANK YOU! ~Donna Moessner, Director of Children's Music.

Below are the songs they need to know:

- "Sing a Song of Christmas" - Children
- "Cradle Song" - Children; verse 1 & girls verse 3
- "Angels We Have Heard on High" - Congregation with the children
- "We Three Kings" - Children verse 1 plus chorus, Congregation verse 2
- "Love Letters of Christmas" - Children



December 1:	No Sunday School. Join us at the Advent Fair in Fellowship Hall.
December 8:	Christmas Program Rehearsal
December 15:	Cast Party in Joyful Sounds Studio
December 22:	Christmas Celebration
No Sunday School:	December 29 & January 5
January 12:	Sunday School resumes

Thanksgiving Potluck

Thank you to all who participated in the KMLC Thanksgiving Potluck. The food was wonderful and the fellowship even better.



NEWS & Notes...



October 15, 2019

Previous minutes approved.

Financial report approved.

Staff reports given and approved.

Pastor Olaf met with developers next door. Launch Brewing, 2655 Farnam, seeking approval for liquor license. Motion to approve set back waiver for Launch Brewing. Discussion had to remove previous waiver for wine bar that was not developed. Motion amended and unanimously approved to remove previous set back waiver and to grant setback waiver to Launch Brewing.

Presentation regarding naming opportunities and funding recommendations for Kountze Commons. Motion and unanimous approval to recommend to the KETV

Board.

Pastor Hall reported that the Del and Lou Ann Weber dedication was well received.

Committee reports given and approved. Media & Technology committee reported that staff computers are currently being updated. Property committee reported that Kiewit is fixing the water repair on the North side of the building; Ronco ceiling work is finishing up; the stained glass window measurements have been retaken; and Jim Smejkal is "worth his weight in gold" for his handyman skills. Youth committee sought input from the council regarding possible childcare development opportunities at Kountze.

Board reports given and approved.

Call committee received one application and has declined to interview the applicant.

Council retreat is May 1-2, 2020 at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 11/1/19	\$3,083,106.72
Principal Payment 11/4/2019.....	\$18,506.20
Interest Payment 11/4/2019.....	\$10,146.80
Balance, 12/1/19.....	\$3,064,6000.52

Finances: October, 2019

	<i>October</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 50,231	\$ 809,428
Expenses:		
NE Synod Mission Support	\$ 2,500	\$ 25,000
Missionary Support	\$	\$ 10,000
Christian Education:	\$ 135	\$ 30,851
<i>(Includes full tuition for our 2 seminary students)</i>		
Facility Costs:	\$ 14,265	\$ 158,436
Staff Compensation:	\$ 47,801	\$ 471,772
Worship & Music:	\$ 1,300	\$ 23,743
Youth:	\$ 126	\$ 9,389
Outreach:	\$	\$ 9,956
Parish Life:	\$ 5,068	\$ 36,833
Office & Administration:	\$ 4,796	\$ 46,974
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Total Expenses:	\$ 75,992	\$ 822,955

THANK YOU for your generosity. Please continue to be faithful in your financial support of our ministry!

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/19 - 10/31/19)

Balance, 1/1/19 \$ 29,761

Income:

Donations: \$ 34,272

Memorials \$ 4,465

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\$ 38,737

Expenses:

Aldi \$ 25,564

Dollar Tree \$ 389

Family Fare \$ 6,816

Food Bank \$ 20,423

Other \$ 2,712

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\$ 55,904

Balance, 10/31/19 \$ 12,594

The Food Pantry relies on your financial donations! Please be alert to the weekly needs of this important ministry!


A Special
THANK YOU


Thank you so very much!
 I want you to know that I truly appreciate you working and navigation all this for both Adam and I. It really lifts a burden and helps me focus on my studies and learning, which I am so grateful for.

Thank you!
 Katie Larson



We shipped 182 quilts, 46 personal care kits and 10 school kits this week through the LWR ingathering. Brown Transfer has again generously donated

the shipping to Minneapolis, MN. The donations we collected for shipping will offset the costs incurred from Minneapolis to the final destination. Bar codes were added to each box to track their final destination. Below is a report from the LWR website for past tracked items. Thanks to all who helped contribute!

If you would like to join the Sewing Group, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. You can bring a lunch and stay as long as you want. You don't have to know how to sew to be a part of this Ministry.

Below is a listing of where our quilts were sent over the last few years:

Quilts	2/7/2014	India
Quilts	2/28/2014	Serbia
Quilts	8/31/2015	Thailand
Quilts	8/26/2016	Thailand
Quilts	6/6/2018	
Quilts	1/17/2019	Bosnia

Christmas Benefit Concert

Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7
 7:00-8:00 PM

Mormon Trail Center
 3215 State Street

Admittance a canned or packaged food item for the Kountze Lutheran Food Pantry.

Sponsored by the Mormon Trail Center at Historic Winter Quarters and the Kiwanis Club of Florence, Nebraska



Kountze History from the Archives

October 30, 1881 - First church service held at the Boyd's Opera House. When the first church building at 12th & Douglas was sold, the new Boyd Opera House was rented for \$15 per Sunday for morning and evening services. The Opera House was built by the Omaha Mayor James Boyd at 15th & Farnam Streets and had a seating capacity of 1,700 and cost over \$100,000. At the time, it was the most premier and expensive building in Omaha. The church would hold services at this location for nearly 2½ years, until June 1, 1884, when the new church building's basement at 16th & Harney Streets was finally available for occupancy. The first service in the Sanctuary was on Easter Sunday in 1885.

December 30, 1883

**Evening Omaha Bee Newspaper
 The Lutheran Christmas Opera**

Two Hundred Children on Stage at the Boyd's Opera House Last Night

The Christmas festival of the church Sunday School of the English Lutheran Church was held on the Sabbath evening after Christmas in the Boyd's Opera House. The stage presented a beautiful sight as the curtain arose, disclosing two hundred School children. Many of the little ones were dressed in white. Upon either side of the stage stood large Christmas trees, upon which blazed several hundreds of wax tapers, while branches were filled with shining tinsels, and bent down beneath the weight of candy and popcorn. The first part of the program was the opening exercises of the school, following which was a chant, rendered by about forty little girls, all dressed in white and in a kneeling position, and was nicely done. Then came the cantata of Doane's Messiah under the direction of prof. E.D. Bellis, in which the whole school participated. It took 40 minutes to go through with it, and each and every one who assisted in its rendition performed their part very creditably. After the cantata came songs and recitations by the little ones, and notwithstanding the fact that it was Sunday night, the applause was loud and prolonged. The program was conducted by a tableau "Clinging to the Cross," after which the candy and popcorn was distributed among the little ones. The Opera House was filled, nearly 1,500 people being in attendance. A collection was taken and upon counting the spoils, the gratifying sum of \$95.15 was contributed by a generous public (\$2,364 in current dollars). The Lutherans are somewhat noted for good entertainment and last night's performance added to their previous record.

December, 1970 Kountze Newsletter - The new lighted Manger Scene in front of Fellowship Hall was set up by Donald Vanzago, Chairman of Christmas Decoration, Eldon Ehlers, Robert Ronhovde, Oscar Adolfsen, Kurt Falk, Leonard Falk, and Gerald Gourley.



PARKING NEWS

On a regular basis we run out of handicapped parking spaces on Sunday mornings. In order to ease this situation, please use the east parking lot (by the handicapped entrance) only if you have a mobility issue. Those who are

physically able are asked to use the west parking lot. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Also, the parking lot on Farnam Street is now reserved parking for tenants in the Farnam Lofts. Please do not park in that lot any longer.

Seventeenth Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint-some of them are so hard to live with-but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

Anonymous



Just a reminder - if you give your offering automatically through Simply Giving please remember if there are any changes to be made, whether increasing, decreasing, or stopping

the automatic giving, you need to indicate this change to the office or the withdrawals will continue as they are currently set up. Please send an email to debbie@kmlchurch.org or complete a new Simply Giving form and turn it into the office so we can make those changes.

If you would like more info. on Simply Giving, you can pick up a form at the Welcome Desk or call the office.

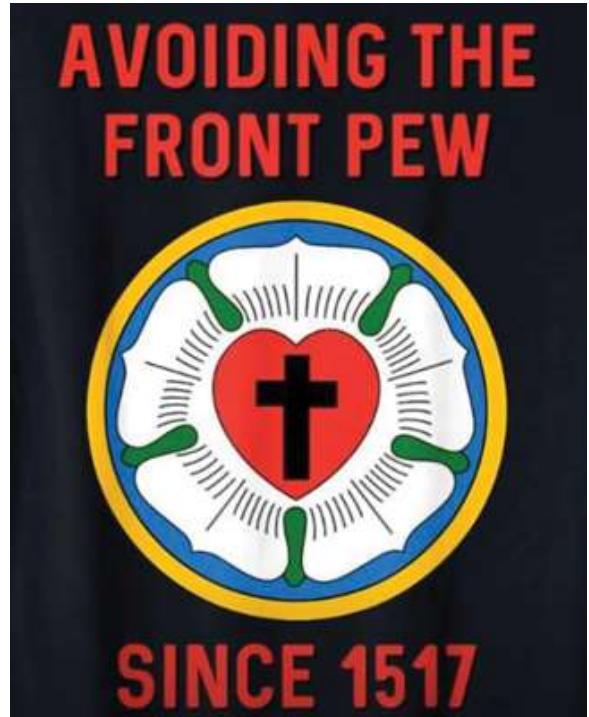
Purchase a Poinsettia for the Altar

Place your order by Sunday, December 16

We are now taking orders for poinsettias to beautify the church. Christmas poinsettias are a special way to honor or remember loved ones. The cost of the poinsettias this year is \$7.00 each. If you would like to order



a poinsettia, please contact the church office or fill out a bulletin insert and either mail it to the church office with your payment (cash or check made out to Kountze Memorial) or drop it in the offering plate during Worship. Please include payment with your order. Poinsettias are available for pickup after the 11:00 PM service on Christmas Eve or after the 10:00 AM worship service on Christmas Day.



Did you know...

An individual age 70½ or older may distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free from his or her traditional IRAs to Kountze without including the distribution in gross income for tax purposes if certain steps are followed. The distribution must be made directly from the IRA to Kountze. Because you are not including the distribution in your gross income, you will also not include the distribution in your charitable contribution deduction.

Please speak to your tax advisor or investment advisor for applicability. Information to facilitate the direct transfer can be provided to your investment advisor by the church office.

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, December 7
4:30-5:00 PM
Bride's Room near Sanctuary

Sunday, December 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, December 3, 12:00 PM

\$4.00 for Lunch

All ages are welcome!

Please join us for a festive afternoon! We will be gathering together to celebrate the season, with an ornament/small gift exchange game. Please bring a new wrapped item, approx. \$5.00 in cost, if you wish to participate. Lunch will be served at noon.

The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office 402-346-7761 no later than Friday, November 29. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. We hope to see you there! We will be continuing to collect items to donate to our Food Pantry. We greatly appreciate all of those who donated last month.



Kountze Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA)

- We met on November 9 to see how many people signed up for the luncheon on Saturday. Really pleased with almost 70 or more, we had enough food and the food was great and Paul Siebert was wonderful He played several different Instruments. Everyone loved him would like him to come again. It was a beautiful, warm day.
- The Sewing Group sent 182 Quilts and 48 Personal Kits 10 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief
- On October 8, we were at Augustana Lutheran Church for the Omaha Lutheran Luncheon.
- On December 14, we will be at St. Thomas Lutheran Church for the next Luncheon
- November Projects Thank Offering, December will be for the Clinic. January will be for the Lutheran Disaster Fund



KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, December 19, 11:30 AM

Suggested donation: "Project Santa" gift - see below



"Come, All Ye Faithful" to celebrate Christmas at the Kountze Memorial's Men's Luncheon. We will have a special Holiday meal. There will not be a cost of the meal this month but please consider bringing a new and unwrapped toy for the Open Door Mission's "Project Santa." Project Santa provides toys to needy boys and girls so that everyone will have gifts on Christmas morning. Candace Gregory, President/CEO of the Open Door Mission will be our speaker. Please RSVP to the Church office by Monday, December 16 or to jim@kmlchurch.org.

Project Santa Toy Needs: Toddler Toys, Art Sets for All Ages, Small and Med. Lego Sets, ALL Sports Balls, Board Games and Puzzles (Especially for Children 8+ and Family Time), Dolls (single and sets), \$10.00 Gift Cards for Walmart and Target, Play-Doh Sets, Cars (All sizes, especially Matchbox and Hot Wheel sets), Makeup and Shaving Kits for Teenagers, Alarm Clocks for Teens, and Ear Buds for Teens

Book Group

The Book Group will not meet in December. Please join us again in January.

Calendar...



December 1 Sunday

Homebound Communion
No Sunday School - join us for our
Advent Fair in Fellowship Hall
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Continental
Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

December 2 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese
Manor
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

December 4 Wednesday

11:00 AM Advent Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Advent Dinner
6:30 PM Worship
7:30ish PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

December 5 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

December 7 Saturday

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

December 8 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's
Choir (gr K-6)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum

December 9 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 10 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

December 11 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Advent Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Advent Dinner
6:30 PM Worship

December 12 Thursday

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

December 14 Saturday

9:00 AM Christmas Program Dress
Rehearsal
5:00 PM Candlelight Carol Service
Prelude begins 4:40 PM

December 15 Sunday

Good News Deadline
No Sunday School
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
8:15 AM Christmas Program
Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Christmas Program
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:10 AM Cast Party in Joyful
Sounds Studio
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum - Fellowship
10:30 AM Executive Committee

December 16 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council
6:00 PM Circle 3

December 18 Wednesday

11:00 AM Advent Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Advent Dinner
6:30 PM Worship

December 19 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
12:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

December 21 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

December 22 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 Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Sunday School Christmas
Celebration (2yr-8th gr)
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

December 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

December 24 Tuesday

Christmas Eve
OFFICE CLOSED (at noon)
4:00 PM Worship
7:00 PM Worship
11:00 PM Worship

December 25 Wednesday

Christmas Day
OFFICE CLOSED
10:00 AM Worship

December 26 Thursday

OFFICE CLOSED
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

December 27 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

December 28 Saturday

2:30 PM Galucia/Day Wedding
5:00 PM Worship

December 29 Sunday

No Sunday School
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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 - Fellowship

December 30 Monday

Pantry Closed

December 31 Tuesday

New Year's Eve
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

END OF YEAR GIVING:

All financial gifts to Kountze Memorial should be in by noon on December 31, 2019 or postmarked no later than that date.



Birthday Blessings

1. Rebecca Anderson, Marlys Duin, Soren Johnson, Kim Neville, Ashley Sum
2. Dianne Bruckner, Kolbey Burns
3. Clay Cameron, Michele Eakins, Carol Gleason
4. Barbara Andersen, Gary Clatterbuck, Troy Dougherty
5. Dale Broekemeier, Hailey Ingram, Inna Weedman, Alan Woster, James Marcum
6. Brad Cochran, Dale Ervin, Jery Inbarasu, Aage Jensen, Nicholas Natvig
7. Arlene Hirsh, Delores Kocourek, Neil Stier
8. Madison Duffield, Lowell Harms, Tara Strauss, Debra Woosley
9. Jan Bowder, Craig Hill, Jenny Johnston, Tyler Johnston, Renee Osborn, Norman Sack, Scott Saxton, Jeffrey Watts
10. Sydney Kinish
11. Robert Burt, Eunice Grunberg
12. Phyllis Green, Zachary Johnson, David Roethemeyer, Edward Jenkins, Emma Ryder, Ronald Stadie
13. Hal France, Donna Moessner, Luke Woosley, Sandra Lundholm
14. James Camenzind, Margaret Day, Emily Drickey, John Georgeson, Madelyn Hinrichs, Susan Mollner, William Pemberton, Susan Sanders, Marjorie Andrews, Tiffany Steinblock
15. Ryan Daugherty, Lori Grisso, Ronda Nelson, Jaya Winther
16. Gary Dietrich, Leigh Freeman, Jack Greguska, Gage Hansen
17. Dorothy Cross, Carla Ohm
18. Carly Headley, William Jacobsen, Craig Johnson, Benjamin Williams
19. Charles Campbell, William Christensen
20. Andrew Darr, Richard Fogleman, Jamie Freier, Mary Gruber, Eric Rees
21. Steven Hansen
22. Justin Bailey, James Bodnar, Torin Edwards, Julianna Green, Melanie Reida-Sample, Suzanne Schueler, Beverly Troxel, Judith Wascher
23. Steven Duffield, Debra Kee, Debra Larsen, Corey Lynch, Jennifer Urlaub, Lynn McKeeman
24. Holly Bartek, Charles Martis
25. Kathe Andersen, Carson Ohm, Ashley Rusch, Randy Titus, Edward White
26. Nancy Rodene, Gary Westerman, Holly Willert, Ingrid Furby, Lara McCormick
27. Emilio Arispe, Jonathan Fullner, Tanya Kosola, Robert Nelson, Colleen Sorensen, Roy Waterman, Zachary Zellmar
28. Kathryn Dean, Charles Misbach, Elizabeth Portrey, Dorothy Stanzel, Leon Tuite, Joel Woosley
29. Jane Bos, Shane Hallowell, Arthur Land, Linda Swartz
30. Monica Albers, Kara Di Lorenzo, Rodney Edwards, Benjamin Myers, Deborah Ricks
31. Jeffrey Baker, Peter Kassay-Farkas, Brianne Minturn, Linda Siffring, John Martin

Pastoral Acts

October 16 - November 15

Baptisms:

Jayda Rose Graves, October 19, 2019
 Violet Pearl Hinrichs, October 20, 2019
 Romy Valare Damme, November 2, 2019
 Reed James Clanton, November 3, 2019
 Gemma Sue Kay Bottolfson, November 9, 2019
 Traeden Robert Allison, November 10, 2019
 Margartia Araceli Valquier, November 10, 2019

Weddings:

Sean Kendal/ Taylor Pugh, October 19, 2019

Funerals:

Ailie Backora, November 14, 2019

First Communion:

Alana May Brown
 Evelyn Louise Drickey
 Devin Robert Gardner
 Aviana Faith Graves
 Jayda Rose Graves
 Dillon Richard Picha
 Henry Graeme Schwieger

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Worship Schedule:

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.

Candlelight Carol Service

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 PM
(prelude begins at 4:40 PM)
Reception following
Nursery care will be provided

Please join us as we celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas! The annual *Candlelight Carol Service* has become a beloved tradition at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We hope that you, your family, and friends can join us for this special service of Sacred Scripture, Communion, Carols, Choral Anthems, Handbell Music, Brass and String Quartets, Organ, Piano, Flute, and more. The beautiful Christmas tree and candlelight will help illuminate the words of the angels, *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."* May this be the song in our hearts! A cheese and dessert reception will follow the service. Join us for this special evening of hope, joy, and fellowship!



*Candlelight
Carol Service*

*Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus
with singing and worshipful reflection*

Saturday, Dec.14, 2019
4:40 PM Prelude
5:00 PM Service

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Dessert reception
following service