

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## BAPTISMAL VOCATION

I had officiated at the wedding. Now I was at the reception, wearing my suit and clerical collar. A very nice young woman came up to me and asked, “So, what do you do for a living?” I bit my lip and stated the obvious.

But that question, often part of a conversation in which people are getting acquainted, is a shorthand way of exploring how someone spends her or his life. How many of us would respond, “I am a baptized child of God” or “I bear God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 231)? From a Christian perspective, this—more than anything else—is who we are. This is how we spend our lives. This is what we do. We are baptized children of God.

Joined to Christ’s death and resurrection in the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to share in Christ’s own mission of reconciling the world to Himself by making us part of Christ’s priestly ministry (Hebrews 9:11; 1 Peter 2:9). Our church believes that “Christians profess baptismal faith as they engage in discipleship in the world. God calls Christians to use their various vocations and ministries to witness to the gospel of Christ wherever they serve or work” (The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 52). As baptized people, we see our daily lives as the place we carry out our baptismal calling. “All aspects of life, home and school, community and nation, daily work and leisure, friendship and citizenship, belong to God. All are places where God calls us to serve” (The Use of the Means of Grace, Background 52A). We witness to the gospel when we approach everyday joys and burdens, tasks and responsibilities, with gratitude for God’s love for us, and we endeavor to carry them out in ways that reflect the love of Christ. Jesus said, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35).

Our church teaches that “God’s word and the church help us to discover ways to carry out our calling” (The Use

of the Means of Grace, Background 52A). We do this in worship in several ways. For example, we make baptism central. On January 12, The Baptism of Our Lord, we will give thanks for baptism, for this precious gift. Since confession and forgiveness

is a way we live out our baptism by dying and rising with Christ, this part of the service is led from the baptismal font. Making the sign of the cross and using God’s triune name



in worship echo words and actions of baptism. Some Christians think of the Lord’s supper—the meal of the baptized—as a foretaste of the feast God promised when we passed through the waters and entered God’s land of promise. In response to God’s saving actions in scripture and the gospel promise in the sermon, we pray for the great needs of the world. As baptized members of the body of Christ, we endeavor to be Christ’s presence in the world by living as God’s answer to our prayers. Christ present in holy communion strengthens us for daily work and service in the world.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (our hymnbook) also includes a service of Affirmation of Christian Vocation (p. 84). It is used at the conclusion of worship, as part of the sending, when God sends us from worship to live our vocations as baptized Christians in the world. Here, we declare our intention to pattern our lives after Jesus, to live in gratitude to God, and to be of service to others. We say that as we work and as we rest, as we labor, and as we play, in the morning and in the evening, we are baptized children of God. This is how we spend our lives, what we do for a living.

*Pastor Olaf Roynesdal*

# 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.



## Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream

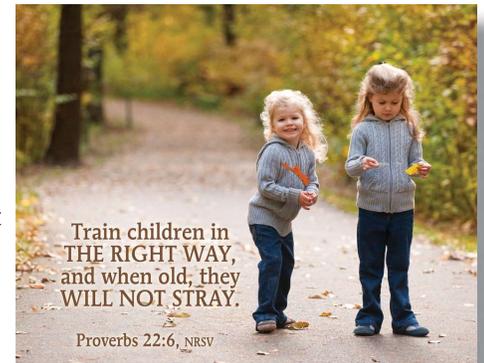


Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can now also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

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.

## 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.



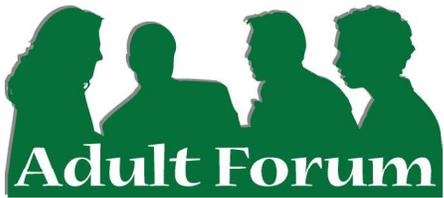
## Church Broadcasts

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 \$200 for 2020.

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# GROW with us...



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

January 5: No Forum (Fellowship time)  
January 12: The Creed: God our Father  
January 19: The Creed: He Became Truly Human  
January 26: TBD



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.

## Taizé Worship at Creighton

The community is invited to attend Evening Prayer in the Taizé style of worship at St. John's (on Creighton's campus) during the spring semester at 8:15 PM on February 13 and March 26.



**TAIZÉ** Evening prayer for  
all Christian faiths

*come grow with us!*

## Baptism Seminar

January 26 at 10:10 AM

If you are interested in having your child baptized and have not been through a Baptism Seminar before, please join us. We will meet in the Nave. The purpose of the seminar is to introduce parents to the theology of baptism, walk through the baptismal liturgy, discuss scheduling for the baptism, and address any questions the parents might have. Please call the church office to register at 402-341-7761.



## First Communion

March 22 & 29, 12:15 PM

Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM.



A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or [info@kmlchurch.org](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org).



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 [noni@kmlchurch.org](mailto:noni@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.

# SERVE with us...

## We Give Thanks

Once again Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church had the privilege of working with St. Peter Catholic Church for the annual shared Thanksgiving Dinner.

Kountze purchased 23 turkeys which were baked and delivered along with countless pies and other desserts. We were blessed to serve 412 meals in addition to distributing 300 sack lunches. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success. Thank you to those who picked up the turkeys and delivered them to Kountze, those who baked them, those who delivered them to St. Peter and those who helped de-bone them. Thank you for delivering pies and desserts, for setting up, serving, greeting, tearing down, cleaning up and everything in between. This gathering was a success because of the countless volunteers who so freely gave their time, and is truly a living example of sharing the love of Christ with those around us.



## Kountze Food Pantry

Our pantry was the recipient of some fabulous gifts in the months of November and December. We received a generous monetary gift from Farm Credit Services of America, in addition to a professional sanitation of the entire Pantry area. Dr. Jerry Fisher arranged with the Mormon Trail Center and the Latter Day Saints Church to provide a huge truckload of pantry staples. They have also sent us wonderful volunteers, and they did a benefit concert for us on the first Friday of December. St. Michael's Lutheran Church provides financial support and a weekly stream of fantastic volunteers. They provide the Holiday Gift Bag give away. Methodist IT held a food drive to benefit the food pantry.



We are mightily blessed to have received this generous support, and we thank those earthly angels who join Kountze in our mission.

## Thank you!

Thank you, congregation! You are so generous! This will warm many local refugees. You're amazing!  
Nancy Meyer



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!



January 5: No Sunday School  
January 12: Sunday School, Children's Choir, and Youth Forum resume

### Children's Christmas Program

"Sing a Song of Christmas" was presented Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 AM worship by our Joyful Sounds Choir, Preschool Cherub Choir and Sunday School children. There were 44 children singing praises to God and proclaiming the Good News.

Children attending the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service will sing a song from the program.

Special thanks to Sheila and Leon Valquier, and baby Margarita, for portraying the Holy Family; Judy Boelts, accompanist and assistant director; Jim Smejkal, technical director; Ron Brown, audio; Mike Jensen and his high school youth; Laura Hansen, costumes; Ashley Sum; JS Choir parents who brought treats for our cast party; Melissa Osentowski, our photographer; Kristin Boe; and finally, all parents/grandparents who faithfully got their children to Sunday School, JS Choir rehearsals, and Saturday rehearsal.



~Donna Moessner, Director of Children's Music

# NEWS & Notes...



**November 19, 2019**

Previous minutes approved.

Financial report given by Mr. Rick Kolkman and approved by Council. October giving was down about \$30,000 or so. Food pantry budget is tracking positively. It's estimated that it costs \$8,000 per month to operate the pantry. Fellowship breakfasts are very near self-sufficient this year. The 2020 budget planning is progressing. Thanksgiving collection envelopes to be split between the pantry and the clinic.

Staff reports given and approved by Council.

Committee reports given and approved by Council.

Christian Ed reported potluck was well attended.

Children's Christmas program practice in full swing.

Congregational Activities reported on Friendsgiving event.

Finance committee working on 2020 budget and needs another volunteer to serve on the committee. Media &

Technology committee reported that computer upgrades are ongoing. Outreach has secured the Christmas ad for the Dec 7 newspaper. Property committee reported ceiling stabilization project is completed and they are very satisfied with Ronco Construction. Stained glass laser measurement company still having issues. Bell tower repair contracted for \$21,000. Kiewit project repair continues to be a thorny issue. Stewardship committee reported pledge drive is ongoing and temple talk for ushers is needed. Worship & Music reports the plans are in place for Candlelight Carol Service and need council members to volunteer. Youth reported that Sunday school, confirmation, and youth forums are going well.

Board reports given and approved by Council. Defreeze Manor has an upcoming inspection.

New Business. Scott Henneman's work has him traveling more and may need to resign, but no action taken. Daycare exploratory task force discussed, and Mike Jensen will solicit the help of Kristin Boe and others.

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

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 12/1/19 .....	\$3,064,600.52
Principal Payment 12/4/2019.....	\$18,892.46
Interest Payment 12/4/2019.....	\$9,760.54
Balance, 12/1/19.....	\$3,045,708.06

## Finances: November, 2019

	<i>November</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 67,958</b>	<b>\$ 877,386</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
NE Synod Mission Support	\$ 2,500	\$ 27,500
Missionary Support	\$	\$ 10,000
Christian Education:	\$ 1,185	\$ 32,036
<i>(Includes full tuition for our 2 seminary students)</i>		
Facility Costs:	\$ 21,265	\$ 179,701
Staff Compensation:	\$ 47,288	\$ 519,060
Worship & Music:	\$ 515	\$ 24,784
Youth:	\$	\$ 9,389
Outreach:	\$	\$ 9,956
Parish Life:	\$ 781	\$ 37,614
Office & Administration:	\$ 5,206	\$ 52,180
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Total Expenses:	\$ 78,740	\$ 902,220

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

## Food Pantry Report

(1/1/19 - 11/30/19)

**Balance, 1/1/19**      \$ 29,761

### Income:

Donations:                      \$ 39,328

Memorials                      \$ 5,335

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\$ 44,663

### Expenses:

Aldi                                \$ 27,574

Dollar Tree                    \$ 389

Family Fare                    \$ 10,361

Food Bank                      \$ 21,696

Other                             \$ 2,712

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\$ 62,732

Balance, 11/30/19      \$ 11,692

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

## Kountze History from the



### **APRIL 1891 - From article in The Nebraska Synod Lutheran Magazine, March 1969**

The first Lutheran Deaconess in Nebraska was Miss. Bothilda Swenson who was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Omaha (now Augustana). She received her training at the Philadelphia Motherhouse and was consecrated in Omaha on April 15-16, 1891. She served as the first Directing Sister of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute.

### **NOVEMBER 1937 - Kountze Memorial Newsletter**

Sister Harriet Franklin was the first Deaconess to serve at Kountze Church. She came from the Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore, Maryland and was currently assigned at Tabitha Home in Lincoln. Among her many duties will include visiting sick members and running the Sunday School at the Kountze Mission Church located at 42nd and Bancroft Streets. The Sister will be given the use of a car to perform her work.

### **MAY 1948 - Nursery Department Journal**

Have you noticed the new 1948 Chevrolet, which Sister Harriet Franklin is driving these days? Complete cost for the car came from the Nursery Departments sale of Kountze Cookbooks and the Sunday Schools Car Parts Fund Raising Rummage Sales. The car cost \$1,135, Shipping and handling \$151, Radio \$81.50, Heater and Def. \$52.25, Seat Covers \$28.50 and other items for a total cost of \$1,519.45. This car replaces the 1929 Pontiac that Sister Harriet has been driving.



**Sister Harriet Franklin and the 1948 Chevrolet**



**Sister Harriet M. Franklin**

### **SEPTEMBER 1949 - Kountze Memorial Newsletter**

On August 1, Sister Harriet left on a vacation after which she will go to the Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore. She has been called back to the Motherhouse to do nursing among the aged Deaconess. She departs with the good wishes of the congregation and a prayer that God's richest blessing may attend her in her new field of service.

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## **Snow Days**

Just a reminder that if OPS schools are closed due to cold/icy/snowy conditions, our policy is that the church office will be closed as well. Our closing will be announced on the local television stations as well as our phone announcement. If we are closed for inclement weather, all activities will also be cancelled unless you hear otherwise.

If you need to get in touch with someone, please call to leave a message or email the person you are trying to contact, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.



## New Year Home Blessing

In German and Scandinavian countries, it is an old Christian custom to bless homes on Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany (or Three Kings Day).

The family gathers at the front door, here the year and

C + M + B is written over the door or on the door. The letters are initials of the Latin phrase, "May Christ bless this house"

(Christus Mansionem Benedicat). However,

because the blessing occurs on Epiphany (the last day of Christmas marking the visit of the Magi to Jesus), children are given a small gift (usually candy) and told that the three wise men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) visited in the night, signed their initials, and left a present.

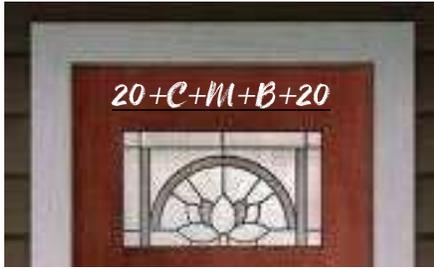
You can celebrate this blessing yourselves on this festival day to mark the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of a new calendar year, whether you live alone or with a large family.

You can make this blessing as simple or as intricate as you like; including the liturgical greeting (e.g. "The Lord be with you..."), a song or carol, Prayer of the Day for Epiphany, sprinkling the door or each room with water, readings (e.g. Matthew 2:1-12 or the start of John's Gospel, 1:1-14), Lord's Prayer, and/or incense (frankincense, of course!).

The core of the house blessing simply involves taking chalk (of any color) and gathering at the main door. You may write on the door or above the door: 20 + C + M + B + 20. As you do so, you or another may say:

"The three Wise Men—Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar—followed the star to God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty years ago. Thanks be to God! May Christ bless this home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen."

Indeed, may the light of Christ enrich our homes and all the people who dwell within, giving us and the guests who come the light, warmth and peace of the Holy Trinity, whose love is everlasting!



## Church Bulletin Board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services (not at KMLC, of course).

- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth into Joy.'
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5 PM – Prayer and medication to follow.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Low Self-Esteem Support group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

## Family Fare Register Receipts to Benefit the Kountze Pantry

Just a reminder that the Kountze Food Pantry is collecting register receipts from Family Fare stores. For every \$100,000 in receipts returned, Kountze Food Pantry will receive \$1,000. Many people are unaware that the Pantry food is, for the most part, purchased, not donated. One of our vendors is Family Fare, so your receipts will be added to the Pantry purchases and we can reach \$100,000 in a short time. Please bring receipts to the office or place in basket at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall.



## 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, January 4  
4:30-5:00 PM

Bride's Room near Sanctuary

Sunday, January 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, March 3, 12:00 PM

\$4.00 for Lunch

All ages are welcome!

Hello everyone! Yesterday's Youth will be taking our yearly winter break, for weather related reasons. We will not be meeting in January or February. You will not want to miss out, when we return in March!! Stephen Sieberson will be our speaker. He will be discussing his new book, so mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in March!! Stay tuned for some very exciting news and changes. Stay warm and keep safe during these colder winter months!



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

- We met December 5 to discussed our spring Luncheon which will be held on a Saturday in April - date to be selected later when we meet again in February. We think that we know who we want for entertainment,
- January funds are for Lutheran Disaster Funds
- Omaha Lutheran Women's Luncheon will be at Rejoice Lutheran Church 2556 S 138<sup>th</sup> St.



## KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, January 16, 11:30 AM

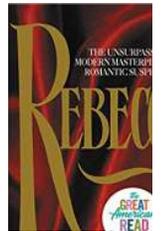
Suggested donation: \$10

Watch the bulletin and weekly e-news for more information. Please RSVP to the Church office by Tuesday, January 14 or to [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org).

## Book Group

Sunday, January 12, 12:00 PM

Our January selection is the classic novel Rebbeca by Daphne Du Maurier Please join us!



## Wednesday, January 8



9 AM - ???

Our sewing group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM until 2:00 PMish or however long you can stay. The group sews quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Even if you can't sew, you can still help. The quilts are not quilted but are tied, so if you can tie a knot, you can help! Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for fun, fellowship, and service.



Tuesday, January 21  
1:00 PM

This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month to knit or crochet prayer shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a world-wide group of people in churches of all denominations that make prayer shawls. These shawls are distributed to people who need the comfort of God's love and to give the recipient a tangible example of God's love and care. If you knit or crochet, please feel free to join the group in their ministry.

# Calendar...



## January 1 Wednesday

New Year's Day  
OFFICE CLOSED

## January 2 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## January 4 Saturday

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

## January 5 Sunday

Homebound Communion  
No Sunday School  
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 Adult Forum - Fellowship

## January 6 Monday

Epiphany of Our Lord  
10:00 AM Pantry

## January 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

## January 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

## January 9 Thursday

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

## January 11 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## January 12 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-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:00 PM Book Group

## January 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## January 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## January 15 Wednesday

Good News Deadline  
12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

## January 16 Thursday

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

## January 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## January 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)  
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)  
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:30 AM Executive Committee  
12:15 PM New Member Class

## January 20 Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
OFFICE CLOSED

## January 21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:00 PM Endowment Board  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
6:00 PM Congregation Council

## January 22 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

## January 23 Thursday

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

## January 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## January 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)  
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:10 AM Baptism Seminar  
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry  
12:15 PM New Member Class

## January 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## January 28 Tuesday

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

## January 29 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

## January 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**The Annual Meeting of  
Kountze Memorial Church  
Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:10 AM  
In the Fellowship Hall**

The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 26, 2020. You can pick it up that Sunday or during the week. It will also be available on our website, [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org) and click on "About Us".

All items to be included in the Annual Report should be in to the office by Sunday, January 12, 2020.

**Join us**  
for your Annual Meeting.  
Don't miss it!



1. Ruth Henneman, Mary Ann Johnson, Micheala Long, Par Ruach
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6. Lois Andresen, Alicia Coles, L. Holland, Dena Jacobsen, Breanne John, Judy Westerman
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9. Kay Andersen, Karen Bonneau, Juliet Knapp, Pamela Peterson, Jean Raber, Jonathan Taylor, Matthew Munderloh
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11. James Daugherty, Boyd Ervin, Jacob Headley, Michael Pfeilsticker, Vera Waterman
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26. Sharon West
27. Mark Hawkins, Karl Kjeldgaard
28. Dorothea Brown, Debra Clatterbuck, Miranda Johnson, Shane Kuenning, Courtney Bailes
29. Steven Dragon, Siany Edwards, Samantha Schueler
31. Mark Coles, Valery Copeland, Robert Hopkins



### 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.

### Pastoral Acts

November 16 - December 15

#### Baptisms:

Maren Finch Arent, November 30, 2019

#### Funerals:

Elsa R. Foxhoven, November 30, 2019



The Kountze Staff would like to thank the congregation for the new computers recently purchased. They have made work much easier and efficient. Our thanks as well to Chad Picha for installing the computers and making sure they all were functioning well.

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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.

