

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Disease, Death, All the Powers of Darkness

This is supposed to be an exciting time! School is supposed to safely resume and the activities here at Kountze Memorial are supposed to be on the upswing. Not this year obviously.

What more can be said about what we are all going through? We continue to pray for everyone affected by the pandemic. I particularly grieve for those whose loved ones die isolated from their families or are hospitalized and allowed no visitors. I know how important it is for people to be at the side of those whose life is being threatened. So, with the Psalmist we cry out:

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy (Covid-19) be exalted over me?

(Psalm 13:1-2)

How long?
Undoubtedly a lot longer than we would like. We will continue to be together while apart. We long for the sight of each other (with no mask!), the simple greetings ("how are you") that we no longer take for granted. We long to be able to shake hands, to worship and eat together and get back to the "old normal." We will get there. Patience is indeed a sorely needed gift,

I invite the congregation to join in this prayer. It is a prayer that puts everything into perspective.

Almighty and most merciful Father, whose power and whose love eternally work together for the protection of



Thy children, give me grace this day to put my trust in Thee.

O Father, I pray –

- for faith to believe that Thou dost rule the world in truth and righteousness;
- for faith to believe that if I see first Thy Kingdom and righteousness, Thou wilt provide for all my lesser needs;
- for faith to take no anxious thought for the morrow, but to believe in the continuance of Thy past mercies;
- for faith to see Thy purpose of love unfolding itself in the happenings of this time;
- for faith to be calm and brace in face of such dangers as may meet me in the doing of my duty;
- for faith to believe in the power of Thy love to melt my hard heart and swallow up my sin;
- for faith to put my own trust in love rather than in force, when others harden their hearts against me;
- for faith to believe in the ultimate victory of Thy Holy Spirit over disease and death and all the powers of darkness;
- for faith to profit by such sufferings as thou dost call upon me to endure;
- for faith to leave in Thy hands the welfare of all my dear ones ...

O Thou in whom all my forebears trusted and were not put to confusion, rid my heart now of all vain anxieties and paralyzing fear. Give me a cheerful and buoyant spirit, and peace in doing Thy will; for Christ's sake, Amen.

[John Baillie, A Diary of Private Prayer (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1949), p. 121. The above prayer led off the August 2020 issue of the Forum Letter, published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, an independent Lutheran news agency.]

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

WORSHIP *with us...*

Worship Times

If you plan to attend Worship in person on Sunday at 9:00 AM, please call or e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the date you want to attend.

Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>

Please Note: In order to maintain physical distancing, **no one will be admitted without a confirmed reservation.**



Photo by Jake Madison

Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



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

website. Go to www.kmlchurch.org and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

Altar Flowers and Eternal Candle

Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze by donating altar flowers or the eternal candle. Donating altar flowers is a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one who has passed away, celebrate a special anniversary or milestone, or can be given in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the church bulletin on the weekend you select.

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

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.



If You are Hospitalized...

If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please



be sure to let the church office know at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org.

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NEWS & Notes...



Pastor Hall has been in consultation with Ron Brown and Chad Picha from the Tech Committee, and it seems that we could possibly resume a version of the Adult Forum.

Watch the e-news and Announcement Page for more information.

Confirmation

Confirmation Class will resume in September but class will be conducted via Zoom technology.

Confirmation Class is for those beginning the Seventh Grade or older. Registration materials will soon be sent out to those we know of confirmation age. To be sure your son/daughter receives the information you may email Pastor Olaf: Olaf@kmlchurch.org



Our thanks to Shannon Fonda and Family for a gift to the Stained-Glass Window Fund, in memory of her parents, Jack and Ruth Duffield.

Pastoral Acts (July – August 15)

Baptism:

Penelope Mae Hadfield, July 26, 2020

Funerals:

Joan Ives Nelson, July 27, 2020

Dolores “Dee” Ann Hiatt, August 4, 2020

come grow with us!

Beirut Explosion

LWR Quilts and Kits Destroyed in the Explosion

In addition to the devastating casualties, injuries and widespread destruction, three containers of LWR Quilts and Kits – amounting to more than 47,000 items – were destroyed in the Beirut explosion. These items were bound for families throughout Lebanon struggling with the current economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic, including refugee families from Syria. LWR is in discussions with staff and partners to determine the most urgent needs and potential response options, with a particular emphasis on shelter, food security and basic needs. For more information or to donate: <https://lwr.org/beirut>

August 23rd was Rally Day and the First Day of Sunday School!

With new social distancing protocols in place, we will begin the 2020/2021 Sunday school year online. Lessons will be videotaped and posted on the KMLC Parents Facebook page as well as the Kountze Memorial Facebook Page. In addition, there will be pintables and activity suggestions that complement the lesson. If you would prefer to receive the lessons by email, please contact me at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

This Sunday School year we will be focusing on the Liturgical Action of the church using the Godly Play curriculum. This includes lessons on Baptism and Holy Eucharist, as well as lessons about the liturgical seasons.

Register by completing the online registration. Link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration>

If you are interested in volunteering your time to present a lesson, please contact kristin@kmlchurch.org. All the lessons are scripted and materials are provided. Thank you!



SERVE with us...



or live streaming while they're not able to attend church because of the pandemic or for other reasons. Here are just a few of them:

(Enclosed is a donation) To show my appreciation for your TV services on Sunday mornings when I cannot get to my own church. We are having outdoor services but I feel I am to old (100) to go.
Thank you,
Gxxxx Sxxxx

I missed a lot coming to church and pray. Thank you for your Sunday morning worship. My prayers are with Pastor Roynesdal, Pastor Hall, and all you wonderful faithful helpers.
Hope to see you soon.
God Bless You,
Kxxxx Pxxxx

Enclosed please find my check for \$\$\$. I love your Sunday morning live streamed, service! I watch it every week here in New Hampshire. I love your two pastors - Pastor Roynesdal and Pastor Hall! They are great! And I thoroughly enjoy Mark Jones' music. I've even gotten my sister in Pennsylvania to tune into your service as well.
Sincerely,
Mxxxx Bxxxx

These past months, beginning the middle of March, when we weren't able to Worship in person, besides Nebraska and Iowa, we've had people join us via live-stream from Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. We've also had visitors from Australia, Germany, and Netherlands!

Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. We were blessed to have some lovely, enthusiastic and energetic young people join us over the summer. As they have returned to school, we are short staffed.



Please consider volunteering on Monday morning from 7:30 AM—9:00 AM, Monday 9:00 AM—11:00 AM, Monday 11:00 AM—1:00 PM, or Friday evening 4:00 PM—7:00 PM. We have a good time, and Barb still makes us cookies! You may sign up for a time slot at the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>



I would like to thank all of those in our congregation who have reached out with kindness and compassion. Thank you for the many cards, calls, care packages, comforting meals, encouraging words, and most of all, your continued prayers. I am very blessed to be surrounded by so many angels on earth. It has been two and a half years now, and yet I have had your unwavering support every single step of the way. Each and every one of you mean the world to me. I absolutely could not have gotten this far without you. Please know that these words come from the bottom of my heart.

With much love,
Sheri Tipton.

KMLC Bell Update

The Kountze Bell is still right on schedule and should be back sometime in November.



Pastor Olaf read aloud the "Memorandum of Understanding and Support for Kountze Commons Executive Director Fundraising Initiatives" (M.O.U.). The M.O.U. was adopted by Council by a show of hands.

An update was given to the Council by the members of the Debt Reduction Task Force (D.R.T.F.).

Previous minutes approved as amended.

Financial report given by Rick Kolkman and approved by Council. During the COVID19 pandemic people are supporting the church and its mission, thus financially we are still on firm ground. The church received a \$21,000 gift for the bell repairs. The food pantry is doing well and has received a \$3,000 grant and an additional grant. The construction loan from MIF for roof repairs and stained-glass window repairs is currently \$640,000. Shopping around for better rates and terms for the \$640,000 loan, but might not be much better than what we currently have with MIF. Council has not budgeted for the repayment of the MIF construction loan.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. The Outreach committee working on a memorial board for the pantry. The Property committee has been in contact with another stained-glass company. The Music & Worship

committee met twice regarding the reopening committee and will continue to meet as needed to reopen.

Board reports given and approved by Council. The Endowment Board reported the market has recovered compared to earlier in the year. The deFreese Manor Board awaiting appraisal of the building. The Clinic is operating and seeing patients. The Pantry is serving people on Mondays and Fridays.

The Kountze Commons Task Force has sent its letter of recommendation to all interested parties. The Nominating Committee for Council & Committees is composed of Pastor Olaf, Bob Fonda, Rich Kolkman, Susie Henry, Pam Johnson, and Dan Troxel. Council Retreat Committee has completed a handbook for new council members. Many thanks to Pastor Hall! The Council retreat scheduled for September 11-12 has been moved from Camp Carol Joy Holling to KMLC. Meals will be catered. Motion to donate the deposit money to Camp Carol Joy Holling approved by Council.

Motion and approval by Council for Giselle Loucks' candidacy to Word & Sacrament Ministry. Motion to suspend the rules: postpone the annual meeting, nominating committee will appoint new council members to replace those members whose terms are expiring, and schedule the annual meeting when feasible in the future. Discussion was had by Council. The motion to suspend the rules passed by two-thirds majority.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:36 PM.

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 7/4/2020.....	\$2862,567.08
Principal Payment 8/1/2020	\$19,232.01
Interest Payment 8/1/2020.....	\$9,420.99
Balance, 7/4/2020	\$2,843,335.07

Finances: thru July, 2020

	July	Year-to-Date
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 57,164	\$ 549,853
Expenses:		
Benevolence	\$ -	\$ 32,500
Christian Education:	\$ 55	\$ 1,732
Facility Costs:	\$ 15,422	\$ 88,637
Staff Compensation:	\$ 47,986	\$ 333,024
Worship & Music:	\$ 77	\$ 3,724
Youth:	\$ -	\$ 151
Parish Life:	\$ 156	\$ 6,048
Office & Administration:	\$ 5,859	\$ 36,035
Total Expenses:	\$ 69,555	\$ 501,851

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/20 - 7/31/20)

Balance, 1/1/20	\$	51,520.26
Income:		
Donations:	\$	68,707.62
Memorials	\$	39,762.94
	\$	108,470.56

Expenses:

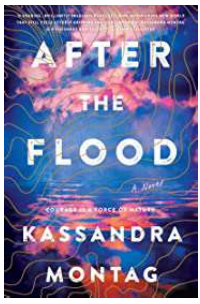
Costco	\$	198.70
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	9,474.86
Family Fare	\$	5,389.55
Food Bank	\$	10,320.80
Other	\$	444.66
	\$	25,828.57

Balance \$ 134,162.25

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

Book Group

September 13 at 10:15 AM



The KMLC Book Group wishes to extend a thank you to Ruth Martis as she steps down after eight years of leadership and devotion in the role of leader.

Ruth and husband, Charlie, have moved to Fremont, Nebraska and due to the distance from Omaha, has decided to end her role as leader. Myrna Esler has accepted the role of leader and Margo Ward is her assistant as secretary. We look forward to having Ruth join us, as she is able, in the future and send her well wishes in her new home.

The Book Group met twice since the Covid-19 pandemic began. On June 14, seven members met in the Kountze parking lot equipped with lawn chairs, masks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hats, and lunch/or drink for a physically distanced gathering of fellowship and discussion of two books: Little Women by Louisa May Alcott and Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. On August 9, we met under the Ginkgo tree on the front lawn of the church after the 9:00 AM service. Six members sat in lawn chairs to discuss two books: Inspired by Rachel Held Evans, an inspirational read

about the Bible and how it's meant to be read, and how it will change you. The second book was Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen, a book about a grieving, widow, a determined girl, a courageous librarian, and a mysterious book that came together in an uplifting tale of love, loss, friendship, and redemption.

Our book for September is After the Flood by Cassandra Montag, a native Nebraskan who lives in Omaha. This is her first book and is the 2020 OPL pick for "Omaha Reads." It's a dystopian novel that takes place a little more than a century from now after the continent has been overtaken by rising water leaving America's costal cities and heartland an Archipelago of mountain top colonies surrounded by water, characters Myra and younger daughter, Pearl, set sail on a perilous adventure to locate her older daughter, Row, who was stolen by her father.

Join us September 13 at 10:15 AM (weather permitting) in the church's front lawn under the Ginkgo tree and bring a lawn chair, personal protective equipment, and a beverage if you wish.

Peace and stay safe and well.

Extra! Extra! Read All About it!

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church to hold annual "modified" Picnic/Tailgate Sunday September 27, starting at 5:30 PM to be held this year in the West parking lot.

Mark your calendars, call in your reservation, pack the lawn chairs, card table, blanket, wet wipes, and the cooler. This year we will be having the picnic here at the Church in the West parking lot.

When you arrive (Douglas Street "North" Entrance) the parking lot attendants will direct you to a parking spot and show you where you can unload and set up, there will be a car width between families/ attendees. Giving everyone plenty of physical distance.

Once you're settled in, someone will take your order (white or dark meat) and relay it to our servers. A Chicken dinner with scalloped potatoes and green beans along with a cookie for dessert (BYOD - bring your own drinks) will be delivered to your car.

Once meals are distributed, we will have a meal blessing (transmitted via F.M. radio to your car stereo). Watch for signs when you arrive announcing the F.M. frequency we will be broadcasting on.

We may have prizes for the best tailgate picnic decorations, most enthusiastic picnickers, best decorated card table, heck who knows; maybe best hat!

Once you've had time to enjoy dinner, everyone will be invited to break out the hymns that will be mailed/

emailed and we will engage in a "Parking Lot Hymn Sing."

We'll picnic for an hour or so and restrooms (in the lower Kountze Commons area) are for emergency use only.

What is required: We need an accurate count of those attending for food planning and parking as we will have a limited number of parking spots available. We will do our best to accommodate everyone, but make your reservation early.

Reservations need to be made no later than Noon on Friday September 18, call the Church office or e-mail jim@kmlchurch.org to make your reservation, please indicate the number of people coming and general preference of white or dark meat chicken.

Now the big question "Why did the Chicken cross the road?" Guess you'll have to come to the picnic to find out the real answer!



Calendar...



September 3 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 4 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

September 6 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

September 7 Monday

Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

September 10 Thursday

Council Reports Due
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 11 Friday

Sep 11 - Sep 12 Council Retreat
5:00 PM Pantry

September 13 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

10:15 AM Book Group - Meet Outside

10:30 AM Executive Committee

September 14 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

September 15 Tuesday

Good News Deadline

6:00 PM Congregation Council

September 17 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 18 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

5:00 PM Pantry

September 19 Saturday

3:00 PM Coufal/Olson Wedding

September 20 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

September 21 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

September 24 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 25 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

September 27 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

5:30 PM KMLC Picnic/Tailgate -
Reservation Only

September 28 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry



Birthday Blessings

1. Xander Gibson, Katie Rohmeyer, Gwen Siebler
2. Jordan Burt, Jason Headley, Linda Heedum, Matthew Szymczak
3. Janice Brady, Julie Huff, Terrie Larkowski, Jacob Martens, Lynn Meyer
4. Stacie Badura, Dylan Allner, Dorothy Sum, Rhonda Wachholtz
5. Jason Badura, Kristin Bieber, Beth Burton, Mark Martens, Nick Pignatore, Donovan Thorell,
6. Leann Steffen, Krista Hill
7. Joel Brown, Alice Pickinpaugh, Holly Schmidt, Ardes Weedman
8. Allysa Anderson, Betty Bass, Susan O'Connor
9. Laura Granneman, Janice Hansen, Jacqueline Jensen, Zachary Martens
10. Christopher Huff
11. Michelle Bottrell, Alexander Stouffer, Kim Vawter
12. Janet Diggins, Lori Erdman, Matthew Fletcher, Myrtle Weible
13. Ann Starkel, Tony Wilson
14. Emma Hiatt, Teresa Larson, Allen Starkel
15. Jill Earnhardt, Dan Bruckner, David Bruckner, Kimberly Fonda, Robert Johnston, Lewis Stevens
16. Jacob Pestel, Nancy Rayno
17. Marie Barrett, Andrew Bruch, Matthew Hansen, Jeffrey Meyer, Natalie Stucker, Erin Wolf
18. Glenn Anderson, Barbara Carlsen, Jeffrey Perkins, Timothy White
19. Nicholas Albright, Larry Filbrandt, Melea Headley
20. Zachary Griger, Harold Hall, Terry Sanne, Katie Schwieger, Charles Ziegenbein
21. Richard Whitmore
22. Paul Artherton, Rebecca Daugherty, Joyce Graybill, Amy Kunz, Joanna Ziegler
23. Eric Johnson, Jamie Pfeilsticker, Kenneth Rudie, Kathryn Earnhardt
24. Erica Freeman, James Yeshnowski
25. Nathaniel Holland, Melissa Meier, Cole Meyer, Thomas Williams, Kristy Clarke
26. Judith Bergjord, Mark Fredrickson
27. Cheri Biggs, Katheryn Elsasser, Kathleen Hawkins, Mark Rayno, Tracey Saklar
28. Curtis Johnson, Molly Lyons, Gary Raber, Beverly Traub
29. Garrett Day, Jodi Meyer, Douglas Misbach, Mary Pavlis
30. Richard Bock, Erin-Louise Chapman, Richard Bock, Erin-Louise Chapman, Jill Gittler, Thea Greguska, Todd Reckling, Gary Scarpino, Alvin Schewe

Kountze History from the



Spanish Flu Epidemic, continued from last month's Newsletter.

During the Spanish Flu Epidemic, as in the current COVID-19 Pandemic, other serious National crises were occurring. Number one was World War I and the anti-German sentiment. In Omaha, Von Hindenburg Avenue, an old county road intersecting Dodge Street was renamed Cedar Ave. Three Omaha High Schools eliminated German Language Classes and urged pupils to study French or Spanish. Germans were being arrested and charged with espionage, which included some Lutheran ministers.

December 1917 - Kountze Newsletter. On April 6, 1917 the United States entered World War I, declaring War on Germany. Our Kountze members are mightily interested in our young men who are in the service of their country. Our good women have been busy knitting sweaters and wristlets to be sent to our boys in service. Mrs. Allen Koch and her two sons presented Kountze Church with a large Service Flag containing sixty-seven stars - a star for each young man in the service.

June 1918 - Kountze Newsletter. Mrs. Allen Koch and her two sons presented the church with a new Service Flag, nine feet by fifteen feet in size to be placed above the choir loft. It contains 118 stars, 117 stars surrounding a large cross in the middle of the flag with one gold star placed in the cross for a young man who has already given his life.

January 1919 - Kountze Newsletter. The great Service Flag with its two hundred fifty-two stars, including 4 gold stars located in each end of the middle cross, represent the enormous investment Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church had in our Country's part in World War I. It is the greatest Service Flag in any Lutheran Church in America. The four gold stars were for: Elmer Kurz and Cornelius Tillman; who both died of the Spanish Flu while at training facilities; Frederick Dichsen and John McCray who were with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Kountze Church also had 18 women Registered Nurses who served in the Army or Red Cross Nurse Corp.

The Kountze Newsletters, between August 1917 and February 1919, contain 43 letters from Kountze members serving in the military during the war. Excerpts from these letters for the period of Aug. to Nov. 1917, when the men were in training at Army bases in the United States, are shown below:

- **July 29, 1917, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans. OSCAR BOYER**

The weather is very hot, accompanied by dry winds. One can drink water all day long and still be thirsty. I liked Fort Logan better for it is close to Denver and the climate is incomparable. We had a service this morning with borrowed hymn books from the Y.M.C.A. and all sang.

- **September 11, 1917, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex. 133 Aero Squadron. WALTER THRANE**

Good-bye Fort Logan. Hello San Antonio: I arrived Saturday, this is quite a change and drop - 6,000 feet to 300 feet and a change in living too; real Army life now, living in tents and eating out in the open. I am so sunburned I can hardly move my neck and arms at all. It's about 120 in the shade and no shade at all.

- **September 23, 1917, Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico. Co. A, Sixth Nebr. ARTHUR BIXTON**

Arrived in Camp all right, but it is sure some place; sand, brush and plenty of hot sun. Haven't yet got settled down but will be in a few days. Then I think we will like it first rate.

- **October 1, 1917, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans. Machine Gun Battalion. FRANK KRETCHMER**

Weather here is nice and warm. Everybody is pretty stiff; we received our second inoculation yesterday. There are some 40,000 young men down here now.

- **November 1917, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans. 356 Ambulance Corp. VICTOR L. NIELSEN**

I was very glad to receive the pocket Bible given by the church. I haven't seen or heard from any other of the boys from church yet. The Camp is so big that everybody seems to be lost from one another in the great military system. You can view the entire Camp from one hill and try to figure out how it was built in such a short time. Marvelous.

- **November 19, 1917, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans. Co. D, 355th Reg. CHRIS H. DAMM**

Dear Members and Friends; I received the sweater and wristlets and certainly want to thank you very much. The sweater fits me as though it was made to order and also the wristlets. It's a wonderful thing for the ladies of the church to do such kindness. I appreciate it very much. May God be with you all.

"Jesus Loves Me"

Lowell Yoder of Holland, Ohio recalls that one Sunday evening he watched on television a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors, who had been retired for many years. He was 92 at the time.

After he was introduced to warm applause, the old pastor rose from his chair and walked slowly; with great effort, to the pulpit. He steadied himself and then quietly and slowly began to speak:

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson I learned in my 70 years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears, heart-break, pain, fear, and sorrow paralyzed me - the only thing that would comfort me was this verse I learned as a child:"

*"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, We are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so."*

When he finished, the church was quiet, and you actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. Yoder passed along this senior version of the children's hymn, "Jesus Loves Me."

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still he bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

*Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Though my steps are oh so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way. (CHORUS)*

*Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile. (CHORUS)*

*When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near." (CHORUS)*

*When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love. (CHORUS)*

*I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, I tell Him when I pray.*

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Congregation Council Update

Since we are unable to hold our Congregational Meeting to vote on Council/Board Members at this time, Council approved to postpone the annual meeting and the Nominating Committee will appoint new council members to replace those members whose terms are expiring, and schedule the annual meeting when feasible in the future. Thank you for your service to both our outgoing and incoming council members!

Four council members' terms were up August 31. Don Burton, Bob Fonda, and Rick Kolkman. Melissa Osentowski's term is also up but she has agreed to serve another term. A nominating committee consisting of Cindy Edwards, Bob Fonda, Susie Henry, Deb Hinrichs, Pam Johnson, Rick Kolkman, and Pastor Olaf met and developed a fine slate of candidates. The results are:

CONGREGATION COUNCIL (five positions)

Terms expire August 31, 2023: Tim Backora, Anne Dey, Kate Jones, and Melissa Osentowski

Term expires August 31, 2021: Linda Rosenberg (will fill out 1 year of Chad Picha's Term)

ENDOWMENT BOARD (one position) Gary Clatterbuck and Lyn Zeigenbein

deFREESE MANOR BOARD (three positions): Marvin Olson, Jeff Perkins, and Jim Holzer

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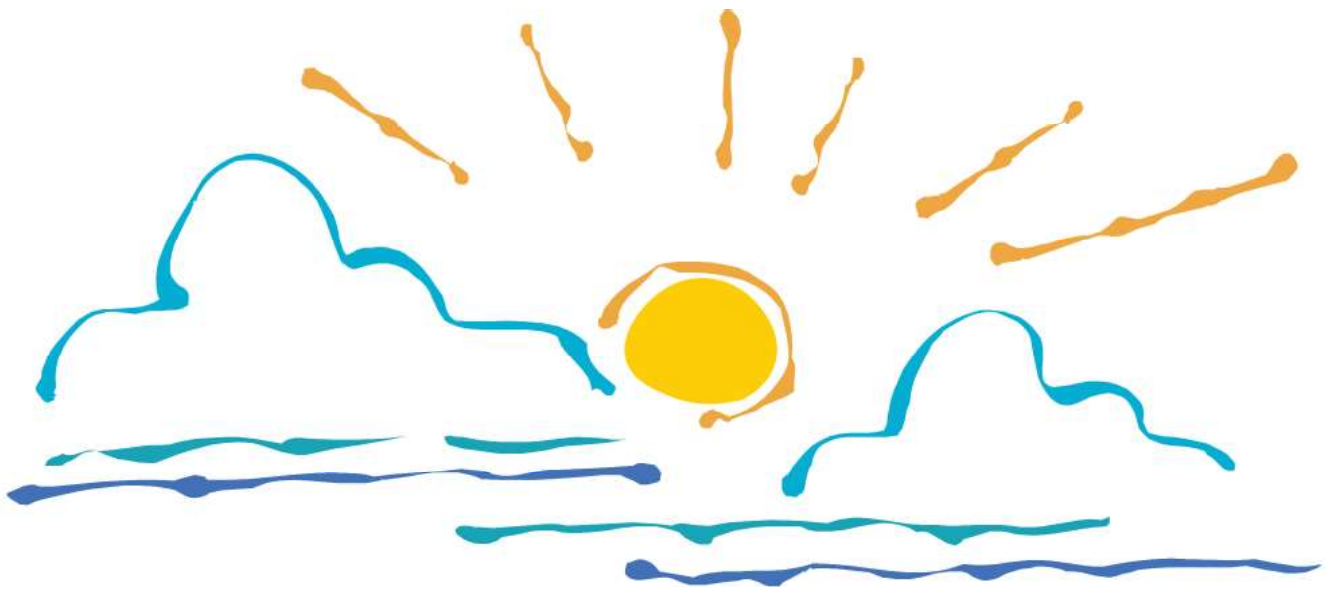
Olaf Roynesdal, Senior Pastor
H. Ashley Hall, Associate Pastor
Inba Inbarasu, Visitation Pastor

Worship Times

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A bulletin is available on our website at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/bulletin-announcements/>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



This too shall pass.