

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH GOOD NEWS

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We began Lent last year ... and shortly after Ash Wednesday, we ended in-person worship. In a sense it was an appropriate time to do that. Lent is a time when we reexamine our relationship to God in Jesus Christ. If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything it is that we have an utter dependence on God.

It has now been a full year that we, as a congregation, have been apart — physically, that is. It is a year no one wants to repeat. Our congregation and our community, our nation and our world have all been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The streets of Omaha slowly became quiet. Many of the windows of stores and restaurants were darkened. Schools and hospitals went on lock-down. Our loved ones in retirement homes and various care centers were asked to stay in place, shuttered behind closed doors. And we all, to some degree, felt like those first disciples of Jesus after his crucifixion – as told in John’s Gospel – closed-in behind locked doors, frozen with fear, afraid for the future (John 20:19).

However, if you continue to read this story in John’s gospel, Jesus Christ enters through those closed doors and frightened hearts with a word of comfort and hope: *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you”* (John 20:21). And so, this story of comfort and hope has continued these past 12 months among the members of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.

We continue to remind each other that God is indeed always with us and we for each other (Psalm 46: *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change ... For the Lord of hosts is with us”*).

I think we, as a congregation, have in many ways grown stronger during these days. We have a deeper understanding and appreciation for the hope we have in Christ’s death and resurrection for us, as well as St. Paul’s observation: *“When I am weak, then I am strong ... coming to understand that God’s grace is sufficient for [us]”* (II Cor. 12:9-10).

We have also discovered ways to stay connected. Notes

and cards, telephone, Zoom, texting the peace of Christ to each other. COVID has not closed the church; it has opened new doors to us all. We stay connected in various ways as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

Our faith in Jesus Christ is at work where the powers of death and destruction are strongest: in war and persecution, homelessness and loneliness, pandemics and poverty. This gift of faith in Jesus Christ gives us strength to carry on, in ministry and mission – for faith in Christ is stronger than any pandemic, even death. May the peace of Jesus Christ continue to be with you.

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

Spending Time (again!) with an Old Friend

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

In-Person (please register by noon on Tuesday)

Live-Stream



Our midweek Lenten services continue Wednesdays, at 7:00pm. Registration by Noon the preceding Tuesday required for in-person attendance. Each service will be live-streamed.

Our Schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday, March 3

THE FOURTH PETITION

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Wednesday, March 10

THE FIFTH PETITION

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Wednesday, March 17

THE SIXTH PETITION

“And lead us not into temptation.”

Wednesday, March 24

THE SEVENTH PETITION AND THE CONCLUSION

“But deliver us from evil. Amen.”

WORSHIP *with us...*

Worship Times

If you plan to attend Worship in person on Saturday at 5:00 PM or 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.

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/>

Saturday: Enter through the handicapped entrance on the northeast corner of the church building.

Sunday: Enter the church through the Kountze Commons Link Doors on the west side of our facility.

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



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.



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.

Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze or sponsor a television broadcast if you wish. This 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.

Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

You can sign up for a date to provide flowers, eternal candle, and/or our television broadcast by calling the church office and/or mail your check to the church and note what it is for, and who it is in honor, in memory, or in thanksgiving of.



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SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



We received good news! The state has re-funded the Farmers to Families program until June. This program provides a 28 lb. box of vegetables and fruit. They also provide 1 gallon of milk.

This program is free for us.

The Pantry can no longer accept reused plastic bags.

New tote bags of grocery bag size are always welcome!

As always, we need volunteers. You may pick your shift

and day at the link below. We can find a job for any level of ability.

Volunteers Needed:

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM;
9:00 - 11:00 AM;
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

If you would like to help please sign up to volunteer at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



Sunday School lessons are 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 Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

Register for Summer Camp!

Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/schedule> to register. Note: all deposits are fully refundable for the 2021 summer camp season. All summer camp registrations are done on a secure online registration site called UltraCamp. Directions for registration will be on the camp website.

Youth Forum

Sundays, 10:20 - 11 AM

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited.

In Person: 1st and 3rd Sundays at the church in Kountze Commons Link/Greenspace.

Zoom: 2nd and 4th Sundays (email Pastor Shari if you would like the link)

Adventures: 5th Sunday of the Month

1st Sunday: Current Events (non-Covid related)

2nd Sunday: Bible Ponderings

3rd Sunday: Serving in the World and Games

4th Sunday: Checking In and Sharing Hopes

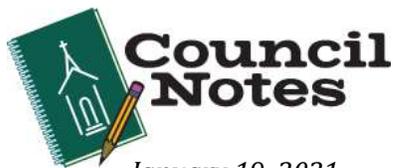
5th Sunday: Adventure (May go beyond time limit)



Youth Summer Trip

Summer Trip Planning is continuing to take place. Let us know of your interest so you can be informed about our plans. An email to Pastor Shari (shari@kmlchurch.org) will greatly help in the planning.

NEWS & Notes...



January 19, 2021

Previous minutes approved.

Financial Report given by Pastor Olaf and approved by Council.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. Pastor Olaf updated the council of the on-going stained-glass repairs. The repairs came not a moment too soon as the removal of the windows revealed the extent of rot and damage. Pastor Hall reminded the council of his intention of reducing his duties by half by this coming November.

Committee reports given and approved by Council. Global Mission reported that more than \$5,000 in alternative gifts were raised for the pantry and clinic. Outreach will place an Easter advertisement. Media and Technology reported that the Wednesday Lenten services will be live-streamed. Stewardship has received 172 pledges totaling \$541,438 for 2021. Worship and Music noted that as in-person services return to normal that new and additional ushers will be needed. Youth is working on summer camp plans.

Board reports given and approved by Council. Endowment meets on February 2. deFreese Manor Board reported that the residents are getting COVID-19 vaccines. The deFreese Manor Board has received a \$3.2M cash purchase offer. They have formed a sub-committee (Scott H, Don Z, Ashley S, and Marvin O.) and will hire an attorney to help with the transaction. The Medical Clinic Board is financially stable, is pursuing diabetic supplies, and is

looking for additional volunteer pharmacists. The KETV Management Board continues to confront trade name issues and is exploring renaming K.E.T.V., LLC. The Food Pantry is very busy and is in need of additional volunteers. Food Pantry continues to work on the logistics of food storage during the increased demand.

Old Business. Budget for 2021 (2nd reading) was unanimously approved by Council.

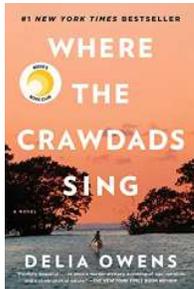
New Business. Council was presented with three nominees to replace Linda Rosenberg: Dr. Steven Hinrichs, Bob (Pam) Johnson, and Donald Zinnecker. All three are dedicated members of KMLC and are willing to serve on the council. Following a ballot vote, Dr. Steven Hinrichs was chosen as the new council member. Lyn Ziegenbein's previous appointment to the Endowment Board by the Nominating Committee was ratified by Council. Discussion was had regarding whether or not to hold an annual meeting due to the on-going pandemic. It was decided that an annual meeting will be held on February 14th both in-person and on Zoom. A thoughtful and thorough presentation was given by Pastor Hall as a representative of the Medical Clinic Board regarding the Endowment Board's letter to the Medical Clinic Board. A lengthy discussion was had by Council regarding communication between different missions and entities with ties to the Church. The Council noted the complexity of the legal structure of the different entities born of the Church and the on-going difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Council member representative to the Endowment Board, Mike Jensen, agreed to raise the issues presented at the upcoming Endowment Board meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Book Group

March 14, 10:15

"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens



We didn't meet in February because of bad weather, so we'll have a discussion of the book "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens which was for February and we'll also select books for the 2021 - 2022 reading list.

"Where the Crawdads Sing" is a coming of age book of the life of the main character, Kya Clark, abandoned by her

family at the age of 6 and left alone to live in the marsh of North Carolina. Kya survives without schooling or any support from others. The story is told in two different timelines. The first follows Kya's life from age 5 and the other is set in 1969 where Chase Andrews' death is being investigated. The setting is lovely and excellent writing.

Instead of going to The Bookworm to select books, as done in the past, the selection process is different this year. A list of books, suggested by members, was compiled and distributed at the January meeting. Members will select books from that list at the February meeting for our next year's list.

Nebraska Synod Mission Trip 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021 Friday, May 7, 2021

King's Lake near Fremont, Nebraska

WE DO MISSION!



Have you been wanting to serve God with your hands on a mission trip? Read further to see our opportunity unfold. If you have been on a trip with the Nebraska Synod, 2021's trip will look somewhat

different while still allowing for heart to be touched as you touch the hearts of those you will serve and those you will serve with. God is awesome that way.

The plan as we see it now is to serve at King's Lake near Fremont, NE. Our work will include home repairs from the flooding of 2019.

At this time, we are asking for participants to make their own lodging plans. We feel this way participants can better accommodate their comfort level. We know some will go home each night, some will stay with family and some will stay in nearby hotels. There is some availability at the volunteer center at King's Lake.

We will address food at a later time. Options may include making food at the center, providing your own meals or a combination.

Please register using this link: <https://nebraskasynod.org/events/calendar.html/event/2021/05/07/nebraskasynod-mission-trip-2021/324782>.

No registration fee is required at this time. Please be open to adjustments as deemed necessary as effects of COVID-19 change. Any changes will be sent to those who have registered as well as the Synod website.

Please contact Pastor Becky Beckmann if you have any questions at 402-841-1063.

Annual Report Update

PLEASE NOTE: The "printer demons" were at work in the hard copy of the Annual Report you may have received. The expense portion of the Treasurer's report has some items listed twice and others that were omitted. The Annual Report posted on our website has the correct information ([/www.kmlchurch.org/annual-reports/](http://www.kmlchurch.org/annual-reports/))

come grow with us!



We'll continue our use of the congregation's YouTube channel to continue some adult education

opportunities. Pr. Hall will offer a multi-week series on the restructuring of the ELCA (e.g., the "Future Church" initiative). Afterwards, we'll follow up with a summary examination of a new document released by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID): "Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity: A Christian Call to Reflection and Action During COVID-19 and Beyond."

Lenten Retreat

Dates: Tuesdays, March 9, 16, and 23

Times: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Retreat Leader: Br. James Dowd, OSB

Email: jdowd@episcopal-ne.org

Our friends at the Incarnation Monastery (3020 Belvedere) are offering a three-week online Lenten Retreat entitled "Walking through Lent: Lenten Feet, Lenten Processions, Lenten Journeys" for an exploration of the various meanings of feet, processions, and journeys and their connection to Holy Week. Br. James Dowd will lead the retreat (you may remember that he led our congregational Lenten Retreat in 2017).

Cost is \$25 (scholarships available). Contact Br. Dowd to register or with questions: jdowd@episcopal-ne.org.

Icon Exhibition in Omaha



The Cathedral Arts Project Sunderland Gallery (39th and Webster, campus of St. Cecilia's Cathedral) is offering an exhibit of new works from the New York-

based Prosoyon School of Iconology until March 28. The exhibit is presented free to the public.

Featured artists reflect a diverse network, including local iconographer Jane Tan Creti, who wrote our congregation's processional icon for Lent and a new icon for the Kountze Commons building. Icons are seen as windows into the incarnation; a visual reminder of God's enduring presence with us at all times. How good, especially in a pandemic, to be reminded of this good news!

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 2/1/2021.....	\$2,722,572.16
Principal Payment 2/5/2021	\$6,492.00
Interest Payment 2/5/2021.....	\$8,963.00
Balance, 3/1/2021	\$2,716,080.16

Finances: January, 2021

	January	Year-to-Date
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 84,914	\$ 84,914
Expenses:		
Benevolence	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Christian Education:	\$ -	\$ 3,262
Facility Costs:	\$ 5,480	\$ 5,480
Staff Compensation:	\$ 54,852	\$ 54,852
Worship & Music:	\$ 922	\$ 922
Youth:	\$ -	\$ -
Parish Life:	\$ 16	\$ 16
Office & Administration:	\$ 7,027	\$ 7,027
Total Expenses:	\$ 68,297	\$ 68,297

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2021 - 1/31/2021)

Balance, 1/1/2021	\$	50,000.00
Income:		
Donations:	\$	13,506.09
Memorials	\$	<u>50.00</u>
	\$	13,556.09
Expenses:		
Aldi	\$	-
Costco	\$	-
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	-
Family Fare	\$	-
Food Bank	\$	-
Other	\$	-
	\$	<u>-</u>
Balance	\$	63,556.09

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

Women's Quilt Group

Even though we're not able to get together to sew quilts, we're still sewing at home. If you are a sewer with extra time on your hands, feel free to make a top or two - or more - to donate. Whether you make one or a few quilts as a solo quilter or hundreds as part of a quilting group, each Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilt you make will be cherished by the person who receives it.



We are always in need of cotton fabric remnants and old sheets to use in the quilts. If you have any sitting in your closets that you're not going to use, please let us take them off your hands! They will be put to good use in a quilt and is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.

Pastoral Acts

(January 16 - February 15)

Funerals:

Bruce E. Wilts, December 28, 2020

Carol Joy Holling Camp

Heart of Camp Gala

Saturday, April 10, 2021

5PM Cocktails | 7PM Dinner | 8PM Program

La Vista Conference Center

The Heart of Camp Gala ensures that all children have the ability to attend camp. Carol Joy Holling Camp has a policy that no child is turned away from attending Camp due to their inability to pay. Each year more than 400

children are helped to attend camp who require financial assistance, and this event helps to extend the invitation to more children. Carol Joy Holling Camp also subsidizes every child who attends by almost \$300 per child. Consider joining the Heart of Camp Gala to help more kids come to camp.

This event will be held in person as well as virtually. For more information, go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/gala>

You can also donate items for the silent auction if you would like - or bid on items yourself. Use the above link for more information on the auction.



Kountze History from the



The adult choir at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church has always had a strong presence in the worship life of the congregation. From time to time, we will take a look back at several different years and the choir members that served the church at those times.

Thirty-eight years ago, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary. At that time, there were two adult choirs serving the church. The Family Choir sang at the 9:00 AM service and the Cantata Choir sang at the 11:00 AM service. The choirs consisted of two different sets of members with some people occasionally singing both services when needed.

The Family Choir, singing at the 9:00 AM service, included adult members and their high school-aged children. This allowed the high school youth to sing in choir in addition to joining their age-group for Sunday studies and activities which met between the two services. The Cantata Choir, which sang at 11:00 AM, was designed more for adults. Each choir focused on different types of music. Both choirs were directed by Mary Syre and accompanied by Bev McCollum, who also served as organist for the congregation.



The Family Choir



The Cantata Choir

In 1983, the Family Choir roster listed 48 members and the Cantata Choir listed 30 members. It wasn't uncommon to find 25 to 30 singers at both services. (Not all of the members of those choirs were present for the 125th anniversary photos appearing with this article.)

Today, Kountze Memorial still enjoys adult choirs singing at both services (except during the summer months). A number of the members sing both services, but the choir roster still lists 44 singers involved. This is tremendous as many congregations no longer have full-sized choirs regularly participating

in worship. Many have small praise groups. Our adult choirs are directed by Barbara Carlsen and Mark Jones is our accompanist. Mark also serves as organist for Kountze Memorial.

It is interesting to note that nine of the choir members that were members of the choir in 1983 are still singing today! Those long-time members are: Bruce and June Anderson, Jerry Clanton, Myrna Esluer, Curt Johnson, Anita Morse, Carol Stoltenberg, Gloria Erickson and Bruce Nissen.

There will be more articles on the choir, its members, robes, and music in future issues.

Calendar...

MARCH

March 1 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 2 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 3 Wednesday

6:30 Confirmation

7:00 PM Worship

March 4 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 5 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

March 6 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 7 Sunday

Lent 3

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

10:20 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

March 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 10 Wednesday

7:00 PM Worship

March 11 Thursday

Council Reports Due

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 12 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

March 13 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 14 Sunday

Lent 4

Daylight Savings--spring ahead



Be sure to set your clocks
ahead one hour before
going to bed Saturday night,
March, 13.

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

10:20 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:00 PM Book Group

March 15 Monday

Good News Deadline

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM HGFG Clinic Board

March 16 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Congregation Council

March 17 Wednesday

6:30 Confirmation

7:00 PM Worship

March 18 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 19 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

March 20 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 21 Sunday

Lent 5

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

10:20 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

March 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 24 Wednesday

6:30 Confirmation

7:00 PM Worship

March 25 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 26 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

March 27 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 28 Sunday

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only

10:00 AM Sunday School - Online

10:20 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

March 29 Monday

Monday in Holy Week

10:00 AM Pantry

March 30 Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 31 Wednesday

Wednesday in Holy Week

6:30 Confirmation

Lent



Worship with us
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
In-Person

(please register by noon on Tuesday)

Live-Stream

Easter Lilies

We will be taking orders for Easter Lilies this month. If you are attending church in-person, you can fill out the order form that will be found in the weekly bulletin. If you're attending via television or livestream and would like to order a lily, please call or email the church office and we'll be glad to place that order for you. You can also send a check with a note if you would like your lily to be in memory or honor of someone or a special event. The cost of the lilies is \$10 and we will take orders through Palm Sunday.





Birthday Blessings

1. Pamela Backora, Grayson Christensen, Joseph Hawkins
2. Gregg Loucks, Ryan Mulick, Marcella Picha, Matthew Salmon
3. Lydia Theisen
4. Lois Denzler, Lynn Langer, Sharon Miley
5. Ashley Cavalieri, Sharon Cvitak, Jerry Fischer, Alice Fitzgerald, Aiden Myers, Sarah Jewell, Stacy Tompkins
6. Bridget Reagan, Joseph Lyons
7. Angie Arispe, Caleb Theisen, Ryan Severson
8. Joel Fischer, David Jesberg, Beverly Johnson, Justus Kucera, Dustin Kunkel, Cecelia Ward
9. Diane Burt, Erika Fili, Morgan Kreiser, Sharon Nelson, David Pfetzer, Mary Yocom, Samantha Zellmar, Debra Kelly
10. Terri Gogetap, Linda Higa, Sherri Labeledz, Jon Natvig, Mark Sullivan, Christian Thom
11. Sharon Arispe, Constance Jacobsen, Joanna Robertson
12. Adam Backora, Anna Kidder, Merlyn Ulrich
13. Kelsey Svacina, Nina Winther
14. Robert Ellison, Denise Hawkins, Katharina Preininger, Adam Studts
15. Sunshine Hansen, Zachary Hatcher, Randal LeClair, James McCarthy, John Sheely, Johanna Vacek
16. Caroline Bressman, Chelsea Chmura, George Ernce, Michelle Hatcher, Daniel Troxel
17. Timothy Backora, Lennard Hansen, Loree Reimers
18. Ricky Anderson, Alan Barrett, Audrey Klein, Michael Orris, Lois Sorensen, Kyle Storer, Marcia Roynesdal
19. Zachary Girthoffer, Thomas Jensen, Karen Loucks, Thomas Steffen
20. Osborne Eckhorn, Jason Klonglan, Janice Petersen, Sharon Waller
21. Samantha Furjanic, Bruce Gerhardt, Marie Kubat, Eric Reinholz
22. Dorothy Behmer, Naomi Kirkvold, Patricia Nansel, Laurine Savine, Tamara Sladek, Brandon Sorensen, Laura Ulrich, Joshua Wendle
23. Carol Jenkins
24. Lawrence Bradley, Vernon Hilkemann, Elizabeth Stieneke
25. John Bodnar, Michael Edris, Alicia Diggins
26. Myrna Carter, Bailey Gittler, Jessica Reed, Roy Segelberg, Carole Woodworth, Michelle Zellmar
27. Alexis Dragon, Brody Gunia, Kaitlyne Larson
28. Brian Ervin, Andrew Hinrichs, Terri Morrow, Andrew Reinert, Gary Rodene
29. Jacob Weiland
30. Cadyn Kocourek, James Pestel, Amy Pignatore, Alec Weedman
31. David Studts, Carl Ekstrom

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

Beginning February 14, a polar vortex descended over the United States. It is responsible for subfreezing temperatures and heavy snow across the country, impacting millions of people. The harsh conditions severely impacted Southern states, such as Texas, which lack the infrastructure to handle the freezing temperatures and record-setting snow and ice. This has led to power, food and water shortages throughout the region. At the peak of power shortages, 4.5 million homes and businesses in Texas were without electricity and heat. Around 13 million Texans are also facing water disruptions due to bursting pipes and damaged water systems. As temperatures rise, melting ice and snow is expected to cause even more water damage.

Lutheran Disaster Response is communicating with and standing ready to support the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the Southwestern Texas Synod, the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. Congregations are already conducting relief efforts such as supplying water, food and generators to those in need and opening their doors to serve as shelters. With such extensive damage, long-term recovery may include repairing water-damaged homes, disaster case management and supporting vulnerable populations.

You can donate by writing a check to Kountze and put US Storms in the memo and we'll get it to the right place, or you can go online to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Severe-Storms>. Your gifts will support storm survivors. Gifts to "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by severe storms.



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Worship Times

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You can also tune in on Sundays at 9:00 AM on Cox channel 13 or watch our live streamed service any time at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

I've been vaccinated. Do I still need to wear a mask to church?



Yes!

According to the DCHD, vaccinated people need to still think of themselves as potential virus spreaders. The vaccine is very effective to prevent becoming ill from COVID-19, though scientists are still studying how often vaccinated individuals can become infected with the COVID-19 virus or pass the virus to others.

Please continue practicing the 3 Ws - wearing a mask, waiting 6 feet apart, washing your hands - as well as limiting gatherings. We want people to feel safe while worshiping in-person.