

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## Everything is a Gift

We have celebrated Easter with much more joy than we did a year ago. Easter 2020 was celebrated in an empty sanctuary. Bishop Maas preached, I presided. Organist, soloist, media crew. That was it. This year we had two services and a very special children's time. People I have not physically seen for over a year were present. Just seeing them (masked, of course) brought me joy as well as the hope that soon we will be back to doing things the way we've always done them before.

The hope of a return to normal is giving us all a morale boost as well as a sense of excitement. I hope we are getting recharged for proclaiming Jesus Christ's and fulfilling his call to mission and ministry here in the Omaha area.

Getting "back to normal" will not come easy nor will it come at once. We will be cautious as we plan and hope for the best. We must put our hearts, minds and bodies into action for Jesus Christ. It can no longer be business as usual for us. We can no longer expect someone else to do it. It is our time. We've got important things to do, now and in the future.

Let the following story give us a perspective as we look forward to being together again:

One day, while walking through the downtown, a man sees in a store window the most beautiful, the largest, most magnificent pearl he has ever seen. Instantly he knows he must have it. So he enters the store and an old guy enters from the door to the rear of the showroom. The man addresses the storekeeper, "I want that pearl. How much is it?"

The storekeeper says, "How much you got?"

"Well, I have \$300 in my pocket."

"Good, I'll take that. What else you got?"

"Well, I have a Lexus sedan outside, low mileage, about 2 years old, paid off."

"Good, I'll take that too. What else you got?"

"Well, I have two bank CD's worth about \$18,000."

"Good," says the storekeeper, "I'll take those too. What else you got?"

This goes on and on. The man gives away his house, his property, even his family. Until finally the storekeeper says, "Okay, here. The pearl is yours." The man turns to leave the store. But as he is walking out the storekeeper stops him and says, "Hey, you know what? That family of yours? I don't need a family. So I'm going to give them back to you. But remember, they are mine now, not yours. You must take good care of them. And that house in Connecticut, well, I don't need a house so you can have that back too. Although it does belong to me, I just want you to care for it. And as for the CD's and the stocks and the Lexus and even this \$300, you can have it all back too. But remember, it is all mine. Take it. Use it wisely. Care for it for me."

So the man left with everything he had when he walked into the store plus the great pearl. But there was a big difference. He walked into the store owning everything he had. He walked out owning nothing. Instead, **everything he had before was now a gift.**

*[From a sermon by Fr. Greg Rickel of St James' Episcopal Church, Austin, TX]*

Everything is a gift. It will always be a gift. Our **faith** in Jesus Christ, our beautiful **facility**, our many **talents** and **abilities, you and I** ... they're all gifts to us from God the Giver. The strangest thing about these gifts is that the more we share them, the greater they become to us. We would be fools to keep them all to ourselves. God asks us to use them wisely, to use them to His glory ... to use them to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

*Pastor Olaf Roynesdal*

# 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.

**Wednesday:** Enter through the Farnam Street doors. Reservations are not required



Photo by Jake Madison

**Please Note:** In order to maintain physical distancing, no one will be admitted on Saturday or Sunday 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](http://www.kmlchurch.org) and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

## Altar Flowers, 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.

## Worship Etiquette

As more and more of us return to in-person worship please observe the following:

- The PRELUDE and POSTLUDE are opportunities for silent meditation and reflection, not just for you but for those around you. Please refrain from talking during these times.
- Please put your cell phone in silent mode. Refrain from checking it and/or texting during the worship service.
- Refrain from eating/gum chewing during the service.



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# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting the following items: reusable shopping bags, toilet paper, cereal, and full-sized hygiene products. Please place your donated items in the shopping cart as you enter for church, in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office.

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

and day. 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](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org).

## Youth Forum

**In-Person & Zoom on Sundays, 10:15 - 11:00 AM**  
**All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us!**

**We will meet in person in the Youth Room and on Zoom each week**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Bible Ponderings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: High School Hang Out
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Serving in the World
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Host Middle School Hangout
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Adventures (if on Zoom, we will carry you along with us.)

Contact Pastor Shari (402-341-7761 or [shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org)) if you need the Zoom Link info.

We will continue to be masked and physically distanced for all meetings in person at the church.



## Register for Summer Camp!



Summer Camp is an awesome faith-inspiring and confidence-building experience! Reconnecting with nature and peers will be especially restorative this summer. Join us to explore God's call to live FEARLESS through Joshua 1:9. View the schedule and register at [CarolJoyHolling.org](http://CarolJoyHolling.org). For information on what adjustments are being made for COVID-19, visit [CarolJoyHolling.org/safety](http://CarolJoyHolling.org/safety)

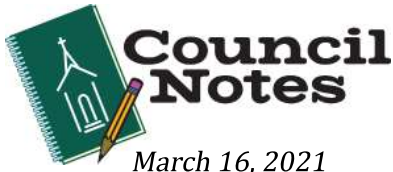
At Carol Joy Holling Camp, no child is turned away due to their inability to pay thanks to the support of congregations, families and individuals across the state. Contact Jessica Weltz at [JWeltz@NLOM.org](mailto:JWeltz@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544 for campership information.

SIGN UP for summer camp today!

[CarolJoyHolling.org](http://CarolJoyHolling.org)



# NEWS & Notes...



The meeting was held in person with proper social distancing and safety precautions in place.

Motion and approval of Tricaster purchase for Media and Technology. The existing Tricaster is outdated and must be replaced.

Synold Assembly voting members: Dannika Rees, Melissa Osentowski, and Pastor Inba. Still need two more voting members.

Remainder of February agenda suspended until the March council meeting.

Dr. Gary Eller will visit with Council regarding the report from past fall's council retreat. Lengthy discussions regarding strategic planning, priorities, human resources, financial resources, capacity, sustainability, core values, conflict, growth, disappointment, communication, etc. Dr. Eller will compile our discussions and we will meet again.

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 4/1/2021 .....	\$2,458,698.99
Principal Payment 4/5/2021 .....	\$7,150.86
Interest Payment 4/5/2021 .....	\$8,304.14
Balance, 5/1/2021 .....	\$2,451,548.13

## Finances: March, 2021

	<i>March</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 78,593</b>	<b>\$ 253,069</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Benevolence	\$ -	\$ -
Christian Education:	\$ 552	\$ 579
Facility Costs:	\$ 19,242	\$ 43,445
Staff Compensation:	\$ 57,064	\$ 170,945
Worship & Music:	\$ 2,109	\$ 5,034
Youth:	\$ -	\$ -
Parish Life:	\$ -	\$ 16
Office & Administration:	\$ 4,323	\$ 15,820
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 83,291</b>	<b>\$ 235,839</b>

## Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2021 - 3/31/2021)

<b>Balance, 1/1/2021</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Donations:	\$ 30,347.44
Memorials	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
	<b>\$ 30,527.44</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Aldi	\$ -
Costco	\$ -
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$ -
Family Fare	\$ -
Food Bank	\$ -
Other	<u>\$ 725.44</u>
	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 79,802.00</b>

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



Once again, people have received emails that say they're from Pr. Olaf, asking them to do him a favor. These emails are not from Pr. Olaf. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY to the email.

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## Synod Assembly

The Nebraska Synod Assembly will be held on-line on Saturday, June 5, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Voting Members from Kountze Memorial are Pastor Inbarasu, Lee & Jean Johnson, Melissa Osentowski, and Dannika Rees, as well as Pastors Duminy, Hall, and Roynesdal.

Pastor Hall will be recognized on the Tenth Anniversary of Ordination; Pastor Inbarasu on the Thirtieth Anniversary of Ordination; and Pastor Dean Bard and Pastor Olaf Roynesdal on the Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination.

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## Pastoral Acts

(March 16 - April 15)

Baptisms:

Jack Tyler Jensen, March 17, 2021

Jameson Edward Bruechert, March 20, 2021

Oliver Mitchell Mirch, March 20, 2021

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## 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](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org).

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## Sewing Group

Wednesday, May 12  
9:00 AM - ???

We plan to meet in person in the Fellowship Hall and will wear masks and keep physically distanced. If you're not comfortable getting together yet but would still like to help, please consider making quilt tops for us if you are able. Everything helps.

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.

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## Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Sunday, June 6, 10:15ish AM

Mark your calendars!

The Congregational Activities Committee met on April 13 and are planning a picnic

style brunch following the 9:00 AM Worship service on June 6. We are still working out the details, but it will most likely be in the West parking lot and be similar to the parking lot picnic that everyone enjoyed last fall.

Watch your bulletins and e-news for more details as the event gets closer. If you would like to help the day of the event, we can always use volunteers to help cook, deliver meals, pour drinks, etc. Please contact the Church office or email Jim Smejkal at [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) or Steve Urlaub at [stephen.urlaub@hotmail.com](mailto:stephen.urlaub@hotmail.com)

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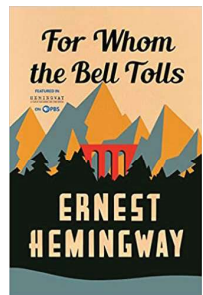
## Book Group

Sunday, June 13, 10:15 AM

Meeting Room A/B

"For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway

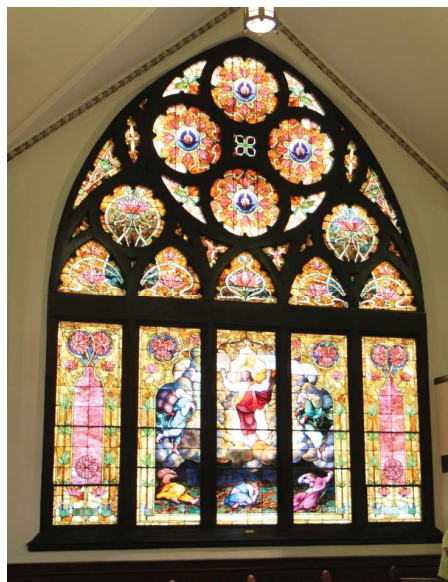
We won't meet in May due to Mother's Day, but join us again in June.



## Kountze History from the



### Large East Sanctuary Window — The "Transfiguration of Jesus"



The large upper circular part of this Great Window are the symbols of the Four Gospelists.

**MATTHEW 17:** At the top we see the Christian symbol of St. Matthew, the Winged Man. This symbol was chosen because Matthew gives the genealogy of Jesus, often speaks of him as the Son of Man, and includes discussion of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**MARK 9:** To the left is St. Mark's symbol, the Winged Lion. Mark's gospel begins with a "voice crying in the wilderness." (1:3)

**LUKE 9:** To the right is the Winged Ox, Luke's symbol. Oxen were sacrificed in great numbers to Jehovah (1 Kings 8:63). The Gospel of St. Luke often speaks of sacrifice.

**JOHN:** At the bottom is St. John's symbol, the Eagle. While the other three Gospels begin with Jesus as a human being who later is recognized as the "Son of God," John begins his story of the life of Jesus with an echo of Genesis. In the beginning, in this Gospel, Jesus comes down from heaven and lives with his people. The large lower center panel of this Great Window shows the Transfiguration of Jesus. To the right is Moses, the Lawgiver and to the left is Elijah, the prophet. These biblical figures are included to illustrate the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and prophecy. Jesus, in the white and red robe reveals himself. The disciples are crouched below Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Below Jesus is St. John, the beloved disciple, St. James, who later

was a martyr and St. Peter the rock-solid man. These are the inner-circle of Jesus' disciples. This window was removed from the second Kountze Church, 1884-1904, located at 16<sup>th</sup> and Harney Streets. When the Church was sold, the edifice was taken down brick by brick and much of the materials and furnishing, including the stained-glass windows and the organ, were salvaged and used in the building of this third and current Kountze church located at 26<sup>th</sup> and Farnam Streets, dedicated in May 1906. This great window was given by Herman Kountze as a Memorial to his parents Christian and Margaret Kountze.

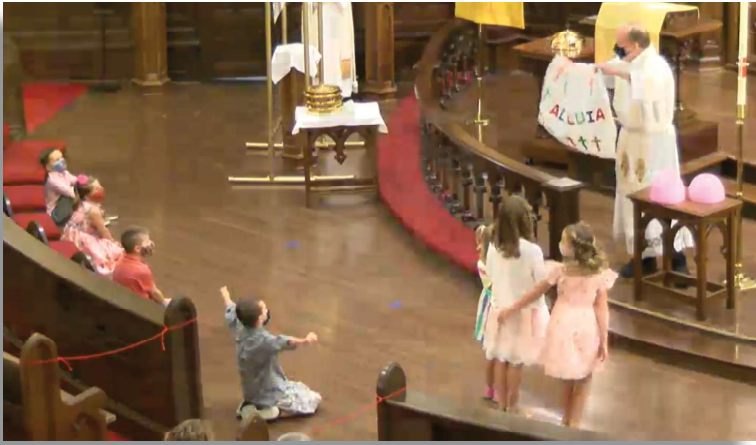


Martin Luther 1483-1560, professor. He is dressed in the robes of a Doctor's degree at Wittenburg University. The open Bible indicates he transferred the Old Testament from Hebrew and the New Testament from Greek into German, the language of the people of his country

Philip Melancthon lived from 1497-1560. He was a professor of Greek at Wittenburg University, and he assisted Luther in his composition of teaching documents about Luther's theology and with the writing of the Augsburg Confession (1530), the main Lutheran statement of belief.



These two windows were memorials by the congregation of the second church as a memorial to their Pastor, the Rev. George Stelling D.D., who served from 1881-1884. Unfortunately, Pastor Stelling passed away after a short illness on January 8, 1884, at age 56 years, a year before the church at 16<sup>th</sup> and Harney was completed. Dr. Stelling's funeral bulletin states: "The workman dies, but the work must go on." His dying words were: "I go to the Church Triumphant, but the Church here must succeed." It did indeed, succeed. Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church celebrated its 162<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on December 5, 2020.



## In Memory of our Father: Kountze Food Pantry "Love Thy Neighbor"

Submitted by Taylor Brown, Executive Director of Kountze Commons



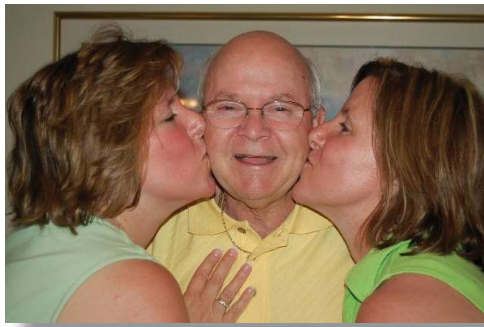
It is with my utmost joy and gratitude to announce that the Kountze Food Pantry naming opportunity is fulfilled and will display the message "Love Thy Neighbor" in honor of Sherri Labeledz and Terri Gogetap's father, Wayne Simmonds.

Sherri, Terri, and their father, Wayne, have been faithful and generous members of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Wayne loved the Kountze Food Pantry and made it a priority to volunteer at this very special ministry to help "the least of these" in our community. With faith in his heart, he fervently sought to "Love Thy Neighbor" and live out the Kountze Food Pantry's mission to "Feed the Hungry."

Below are words that Sherri and Terri want to share about the life their father lived and their choice to make this generous naming gift. It is their hope that this message of "Love Thy Neighbor" displayed at the Kountze Food Pantry for all who enter the space – guests who are served and those who serve – will inspire others. They believe the life-saving ministries of Kountze Commons are essential and extraordinary and need to continue to grow. They also hope others will be inspired to follow their example and honor loved ones with a named gift to Kountze Commons, which further strengthens Kountze to do more for those in need! We

thank them for their extraordinary generosity!

Please find below Terri and Sherri's beautiful and touching words about why they chose to name the Kountze Food Pantry in honor of their Dad:



*Kountze has such a special place in the hearts of our family. This is where Mom and Dad were married and where we were baptized and married. Growing up, we did not go to church regularly, but after Mom died in 2006 there was a tugging at Dad's heart and we are sure encouragement from dear friends at Kountze. It was the weekend after we lost mom that Dad left a note saying he was going to church to be closer to Mom. That just touched and warmed our hearts. A few weeks later, Terri and I followed. This was a renewal period for us! Getting to know some of Dad's childhood friends and neighbors was so much fun! These are and were such special times: being with old friends and making new friends. The community and love that resonates from this beautiful church is so inspiring.*

*Sometime after, Dad started helping at the Kountze Food Pantry. Dean Anderson, one of Dad's closest neighborhood friends growing up, was very involved and encouraged Dad to come. If you knew our Dad, you know he was a very giving, kind-hearted person who loved everyone. People and family were his source of happiness and fulfillment. So, the Kountze Food Pantry was a perfect way for him to meet, greet, and help serve those in our community. He enjoyed it so much.*

*It is with the greatest admiration and love for our Father and for our church that Terri and I want to invest and contribute to our church and Kountze Commons, and remember our Dad in this meaningful way.*

*Love Thy Neighbor is the perfect caption that describes how our Dad led his life and what is at the root of our mission with the Kountze Food Pantry. Thank you to Ruth Henneman for this most fitting Bible reference.*

*Sherri Labeledz & Terri Gogetap*



There are five naming opportunities left at Kountze Commons. If you are interested in a naming opportunity, please contact Taylor Brown, Executive Director of Kountze Commons, at [taylor.kountzecommons@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.kountzecommons@gmail.com) or 402-830-1477 for more information.



## 2021 Summer Youth Trip

The 2021 Senior High School Youth Summer Trip for all 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders — and older youth & adults who would like to join us — will be going to Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, July 31 – Saturday, August 7. The cost is \$400 per person.

We will travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to serve with a local congregation that runs a summer children's program, community garden program, and is re-doing a nearby building into a teen homeless center. We will be doing some of our work with another Omaha congregation that will also be in Tulsa this same week. Even though service will be a big part of the trip, we will also get a chance for worship, bible study, relationship building and learning about the history of the Tulsa Area.

Kountze youth and adult leaders have commented that they are looking forward to **growing** in their faith while serving others, **enjoying** God's creation in a different setting and environment, **learning** more about religion and how to serve the world through God, **seeing** what this trip is like first hand after hearing about it through my siblings, **pondering** justice in the midst of unjust actions, **being** in a new place and having fun with new people, and **knowing** that I enjoy serving in this way - I am excited to do it again!

If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Pastor Shari at 402-341-7761 or email [shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org).



## Sponsor Our Youth on the 2021 KMLC Youth Summer Trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma

*Your generous support provides financial assistance to those in need and helps keep the cost of the trip affordable for every participant*

Please consider sponsoring the 2021 Summer Youth Trip. Your donation can be **placed in the offering** or **mail it to the church office**. Make sure you mark in the memo that it is for the Mission Trip Sponsorship. Another option to give is to visit [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org) and click on “**Online Giving**” to donate on the web! Again, you will find in the section for Children and Youth Ministries the line item for Mission Trip Sponsorship. Our gift back to you will be a time to gather and share our experience of this trip with you. **It would be most helpful to receive all donations by June 1. Thanks for your consideration!**

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shari at [shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org) or 402-341-7761.

We will celebrate our 2021 graduates on Sunday, May 16, at the 9:00 AM Worship service. As in years past, the high school seniors will be blessed and presented with a quilt from the KMLC sewing group. All graduates who wish to be included in the video can submit 5 photos, to Pastor Shari by Monday, May 3, along with your written information for the bulletin. Please contact Pastor Shari with any questions.

We want to celebrate all graduates at this time. If you are graduating this spring or have graduated from college or any educational program in the last 6 months, let us know. Submit the following information to [shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org): Name, Parents, Place attended, Degree, and Future Plans by Monday, May 10.

Thanks to all for helping us to compile this information. Congratulations to all!



# Calendar...



## May 1 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 2 Sunday

Easter 5

9:00 AM Worship Online or  
Reservation Only

10:15 AM Youth Forum - In-person  
or Zoom

## May 3 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## May 4 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## May 5 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## May 6 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## May 7 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 8 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 9 Sunday

Easter 6

Mother's Day

9:00 AM Worship Online or  
Reservation Only

10:15 AM Youth Forum - In-person  
or Zoom

## May 10 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## May 11 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## May 12 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## May 13 Thursday

Council Reports Due

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## May 14 Friday

11:00 AM Mary Gruber Funeral

5:00 PM Pantry

Wedding Rehearsal

## May 15 Saturday

Good News Deadline

3:00 PM Sealer & McEwen Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

## May 16 Sunday

Easter 7

9:00 AM Worship Online or  
Reservation Only

9:00 AM Recognition of Graduates

10:15 AM Youth Forum - In-person  
or Zoom

10:30 AM Executive Committee

## May 17 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board

## May 18 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Congregation Council

## May 19 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## May 20 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

7:00 PM Circle 5

## May 21 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

Wedding Rehearsal

## May 22 Saturday

8:00 AM CJH Work Day

3:00 PM Partridge & Krisor  
Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

## May 23 Sunday

Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship Online or  
Reservation Only

10:15 AM Youth Forum - In-person  
or Zoom

## May 24 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## May 25 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## May 26 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## May 27 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## May 28 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## May 29 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## May 30 Sunday

Holy Trinity

9:00 AM Worship Online or  
Reservation Only

10:15 AM Youth Forum - In-person  
or Zoom

## May 31 Monday

Memorial Day (Observed)

OFFICE CLOSED

## Wednesday Worship

### Begins May 5, 12:15 PM

Our midweek Eucharist will resume in May (beginning Wednesday, May 5, at 12:15 PM) No need to pre-register. Enter through the Farnam Street doors to the Sanctuary.



## Blindness Prevention Month

May is Blindness Prevention Month. During May we will be again collecting used eyeglasses. They will be cleaned, checked by professionals, and used at a health fair for the homeless later this summer.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this outreach event. There is a collection box in the link where you check in on Sundays and a small box in the back for you to drop off glasses as you leave.





## Birthday Blessings

1. Edward Bass, Susan Peterson, Mark Phillips, Harold Gilliam, Carole Meilahn, Richard Ray
2. Jeffery Senn, David Tollefson, Shannon Picha, Anita Morse
3. Karrie Lyles, Beth Naylor, Allyson White, Linda Johnson
4. Linda Knutson, Lacey Bodnar, Lindsey Bodnar
6. Aubri Meldrum, Caden Vermule, Maxwell Szymczak
7. Diane Davis, Heidi LeClair, Debra Putnam, Lynn Sherlund, Schyler Hopkins
8. Dean Herzberg, Jennifer Kropp, Giselle Loucks, Autumn Loucks, Shirley Bonneau, Richard Sieling, Christopher Miley
9. Richard Portrey, Charles Bressman
10. Lucas Pestel, Rahn Johnson
11. Sandra Kucera, Jennifer McCarthy, Natalie Backora ,
12. Dane Kucera, Jane Setterburg, Carol Storer
13. Elizabeth Luczynski, Elaine Adams, Harold Gillaspie, Pamela Johnson, Frederick Wachal
14. Noah Curtis
15. Kay Jones, Lisa Montag, Shannon Fonda, Scott Fonda, Donald Berney
16. Jean Bowman, Jane Lynam, Brooke Reinert, Spencer Link
17. Tracy Fletcher, Nicholas Kanning, Dirk Petersen
18. Frank Ferguson, Elizabeth Larkowski, Courtney Senn, Linda Ackerson, Kate Jones
19. Georgia LeClair, Erin Steffen, Melissa Titus
20. Krista Edwards
21. Peter Smock, Elizabeth Moldenhauer, Lyn Ziegenbein
22. Susan Clark, Melody Diggins
23. Samuel Comfort, Stephen Pera, Nicholas Barrett, Lorna Swingen, Karen Wolf, Norma Pafford,
24. Justin Edwards, Steven Thomas, Brittany Edwards, Jackson Barrett, Clayton Damme, Patricia Ranney, Stephen Urlaub
25. David Swift, Mary Olson, Susann Henry
26. Idonna Meyer, Denise Lewis
27. H. Hyland, Ashley Ingram, Emma Mirch
28. Tracey Sweet, Owen Thornton, Dean Vancaster, Stephanie Martens, Laura Hansen
29. Brandt John, Jackson Martis, Jeffrey Martis, Joy Borchman
30. Lawrence Battaglia, Greta Rohrberg, Michaela Ruma, Amanda Sneckenberg, Noah Storer, Melissa Hardersen, Brooks Hinrichs
31. Kelly Rudie, Morgan Stouffer, Dan Shelby, Elnora Carlson

### **Affirmation of Faith – April 11, 2021**

**These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and made public affirmation of their baptism.**

#### **Sydney Ruth Lawrence**

Daughter of Brian and Kelly Lawrence

Baptized on July 31, 2007 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

Baptismal Sponsors: Trent Pearson and Kate Lawrence

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

#### **Madeline Paige Rief**

Daughter of Jeff Rief and Erica Freeman

Baptized on July 27, 2007 at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Baptismal Sponsors: Rob and Sharon Schaefer

Bible Verse: Matthew 7:12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

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## Worship Times

You may worship in person by confirmed reservation only (call or e-mail no later than noon on Thursday before the Saturday or Sunday you want to attend). Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change.

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/>

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**Saturday, May 22, 2021**

**8:00 AM - Lunch**

**Carol Joy Holling Camp**

Join us at Carol Joy Holling Camp's annual Work Day! We need your help to get our site ready for the more than 1,500 campers that will be arriving during the summer. Bring friends and family for a day of work in God's creation!

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

Please RSVP by going to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/work-day>, by contacting peter hansen at [phansen@NLOM.org](mailto:phansen@NLOM.org), or by calling 402-944-2544.

Can't work but want to help financially to support camp work day? Go to <https://www.classy.org/give/321423/#!/donation/checkout>.

## Schedule:

8:00 AM	Breakfast at Dining Hall in Sjogren Center	10:15 AM	Work continues
8:30 AM	Work begins	12:30 PM	Lunch at Dining Hall in Sjogren Center
10:00 AM	Break	1:30 PM	Depart