

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## Stepping Up to the Plate ...

It is an exciting time! Things continue to progress well for our congregation. Now, in August, we will resume our 11:00 AM worship service. We are busy preparing for the coming of Fall activities, including Sunday School, Adult Forums, Adult Classes, and (hopefully) the resumption of breakfast in September. We are, in a sense, back to normal even as we still wonder what “normal” will look like. Regardless. We are accustomed to doing things very well here at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church and in that sense I expect us to be normal.

We are used to excellence at Kountze. Our church has committed leaders and an excellent staff. But leaders and staff cannot do it all. We need **YOU**. Yes, every one of you.

For all the wonderful things to happen – and to be done well - we need people willing to serve. That service can and will take many forms but here are just a few:

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| Prayer:      | Everyone!   |
| Worship:     | Ushers for all services<br>Lectors for all services<br>Communion Servers<br>Greeters<br>Adult Choir Members (rehearsals begin September 8)<br>Altar Guild Members |
| Fellowship:  | Kitchen workers (to cook the breakfast, serve, and clean-up)  |
| Education:   | Sunday School teachers  |
| Food Pantry: | Volunteers are always needed.   |

The more willing to serve in the above positions, the more good things will happen here at Kountze Memorial. Speak with me or Pastor Duminy or Pastor Hall. Jim Smejkal coordinates many of the volunteer positions.

Kristin Boe, our Christian Education Director, will welcome Sunday School workers. Barbara Carlsen, our Music Director, will answer questions about Choir. Susie Henry leads our Food Pantry. Pam Johnson and Dotty Sum coordinate the outstanding work of our Altar Guild.

Let it be said that excellence in worship, ministry, outreach, and fellowship continues here at Kountze.

*Pastor Olaf Roynesdal*

### Congregation Meeting for Elections Sunday, August 22 10:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

This year’s nominating committee consisted of outgoing Council member Scott Henneman, Kathe Andersen, Donald Johnson, Jim Marcum, Bruce Nissen, and Liz Pemberton.



The Committee is nominating the following:

- Congregation Council: Dr. Steve Hinrichs, Michael Jensen, Ann Miller and Bruce Nissen.
- Endowment Board: Sarah Penn
- deFreese Manor Board: With the possibility of impending sale of deFreese Manor, all Board members will remain.
- Vote on the by-laws of our Constitution found on the insert in this issue of the Good News.

# 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 available on our website.

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.

## 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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# GROW with us...



We look forward to gathering together officially in the Fellowship Hall on September 12.

The first few Sundays will be "generally program free" to allow for greater conversation and the change to reconnect. Then, in late September and/or early October, our programs will review the return of fall programs and opportunities. Afterwards, we will return to normal Adult Education programs and themes.

*come grow with us!*

## Nebraska Synod Celebrates 150 Years of Mission

It was in September, 1871 that a small group of pastors from a handful of young Lutheran congregations gathered to create a fellowship, a structure that would connect them to one another. The new entity was called the Nebraska Synod. Affiliated with the national General Synod, the original Nebraska Synod was one of several church bodies that emerged and then merged through the next 116 years to become the Nebraska Synod ELCA.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event will be commemorated in a variety of ways throughout the coming months, culminating in a birthday party of sorts at the 2022 Synod Assembly. Congregations are encouraged to lift up the Synod in the first formal event of the year on Nebraska Synod Sunday, August 29, 2021.



# SERVE with us...



## Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is pleased to announce we have received our second \$1,000.00 from Family Fare receipts! Please keep them coming!

The toilet paper donations from the congregation have been very generous. Our guests are extremely grateful for all the full-sized hygiene items and the tissue. With rising prices, your continued contributions will be all the more important and appreciated.

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>



## Worship Leader Training

(Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers)

September 19 and 26 at 10:15 AM

(two opportunities, choose one)

Please call the church office to register.



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!

### Children's Choir

Donna Moessner has retired as Children's Choir Director. We thank her for her outstanding service to our congregation and with our children. We want to recognize her work and will do so on Sunday, September 19.



### Holy Play

Ages 3 yrs - 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Sundays through August 29  
10:15 - 11:00 AM

Children from 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Pastor Shari and the Middle and High School Youth in the Kountze Green Space each Sunday (June 20 - August 29). We will be playing games, singing songs, sharing a snack, and getting to know each other better. Parents are encouraged to share coffee time with others or join in the fun!



### Class of 2021!

There is one additional Kountze Member graduate that should be included on this year's graduation list:

Congratulations to:

Søren R. Johnson  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Bachelor of Science in Aviation  
Future Plans: Professional Commercial Pilot



### Baptism Seminar

August 29  
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.



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**

Saturday, 5 PM  
Sunday 9 & 11 AM

We know it's not the back packs we bless. We bless our children as they return to school. Our prayer is that they have a positive learning experience and are kept safe.

A grandfather was walking through his backyard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking."



## Summer Youth Trip

On Sunday, July 25, the congregation will be providing a blessing for the 5 youth and 2 adults that will be leaving on Saturday, July 31 for Tulsa, OK. We will be staying and working with Zion Community Church in NW Tulsa. Our focus will be serving with The Phoenix (youth theater program) and The Zone (children's day center) doing both building projects and direct work with residents of the neighborhood. We will be learning about the Greenwood Community (past and present) and exploring Indigenous Culture in the area. On the way home we will be spending a day in Kansas City at Worlds of Fun.

We ask for your prayers during our travels. We give thanks that we are able to journey and serve in this way.



## Summer Youth Trip Sharing

August 15

10:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

A presentation of the Tulsa trip with honoring trip sponsors and special treats will be part of the Fellowship hour. It is the hope that you will consider joining in this sharing opportunity.

## '22 Youth Gathering Info Meeting

August 15

12:15 PM in the Youth Center

Noon meal will be provided

For all youth from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall, you and your parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on the Youth Gathering that will be taking place in Minneapolis from July 24 – 28, 2022. (Travel days will be added on to this time frame.)

Registration for those planning to attend will happen the first part of September. If you are considering being a part of this trip, but are not able to attend on this day, please let Pastor Shari know so she can share information with you.



## Senior High Youth

Mark your August Calendars and plan to attend:

- \* Mini Golf Outing - Wednesday, August 11, 6:00 PM
- \* Summer Trip to Tulsa Sharing - Sunday, August 15, 10:10 AM
- \* '22 ELCA Youth Gathering Trip to Minneapolis Info Meeting – Sunday, August 15, 12:15 PM
- \* Back to School Lock In - Friday, August 20, 7:00 PM
- \* Music with Residents of deFreese Manor - Saturday, August 28, 10:30 AM



## Confirmation Program

Orientation - Wednesday, August 25, 6:00 PM

The Kountze Confirmation program is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. A time to begin to affirm their baptismal faith will begin in person on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 PM beginning with a meal. Class time each Wednesday night will be from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. During the year we will take a one break on November 24 and December 29 and will finish our year of study on April 20.

Parents and students are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 25 starting at 6:00 PM with a meal. We hope to be finished with our meeting time by 7:00 PM. Registration will take place during this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please be sure to register by August 26. This will help our planning for the year to come and so we can get the information for the Confirmation year to you. The registration form can be found at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/confirmation/confirmation-ministry-reg-form/>



## Order of Saint John Acolytes and Crucifers

Kountze members who are 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older are needed for these special roles in the 9:00 and 11:00 AM worship services. Please contact Jeff and Robin Perkins at 402-339-5384 if you would like to be trained to assist in the worship services.



# NEWS & Notes...

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**May 18, 2021**

Motion and approval of April minutes.

Motion and approval of Financial report given by Tim Backora. Giving still continues to be strong. Synod benevolence of \$21,000 sent. Stained glass funds are being used to pay for repairs rather than using the available loan.

Staff reports given and approved. Pastor Olaf reported that the reopening task force is meeting on Sunday.

Committee reports given. Christian Ed reports that online Sunday School is wrapping up and planning is underway for the fall. Congregational activities has the parking lot brunch coming up on June 6. Global mission reported that the American Church in Berlin is struggling due to the pandemic, and they are asking for prayers. Media and Tech reported that the new tricaster has been replaced entirely. Property reported that a wall in the men's bathroom has been replaced.

Board reports given. Endowment board reports that it has purchased a laptop and is using Quickbooks to handle its finances. DeFreese Manor board stated a few minor issues yet to be resolved before a final purchase agreement. Congregational meeting is set for June 13. Clinic board reported a generous \$250,000 grant from the Dougherty Family Endowment. The Clinic is working on a transition plan if J.P. decides to retire. The Clinic is also looking for additional vaccination opportunities. UNMC has acknowledged the savings the Clinic has provided to the area hospital ER where people would otherwise seek medical attention. The Food pantry reported some reduction in numbers and an increase in new volunteers. The Food pantry offered vaccinations last week.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:58 PM.

**June 15, 2021**

Motion and approval of May minutes.

Motion and approval of the financial report given by Tim Backora. Giving in May was pretty good. Synod benevolence of \$21,000 was sent. Check signing will need to continue because our computer program is not set up for the three-tier signing plan.

Staff reports given and approved. Pastor Olaf reported that the reopening continues to go well and that attendance is up slightly. Masks are now voluntary. The hymnals will return in August as will coffee and cookies. As comfort levels ease, we will look into returning to normal communion procedures. The stain glass window repairs are taking longer as materials needed for the repair process are on backorder. We have begun to draw on the MIF loan to hold on to a cash reserve for repayment. The KETV audit resulted in a \$640 missing deposit that occurred due to a year end transaction.

Committee reports given. Christian Ed will meet on June 22nd. Donna Moessner is retiring from the Children's Choir. Congregational activities reported that the picnic brunch went well. The band and mocktails were a hit. Global Mission will be meeting soon. Worship & Music is meeting on June 17 and reported the need for additional ushers.

Board reports given. Endowment board will meet in July. deFreese Manor board reported the Congregation vote was 75-7 in favor of selling the manor. Scott Henneman did a very nice job explaining the thoroughness and care that was/has been taken throughout the entire process. The Food pantry reported the fresh produce boxes have been extended for another year. The food pantry also reported a decrease in demand.

Old Business. The Council, after a discussion regarding the need for strategic planning vs conflict resolution, declined the additional services of Gary Eller. The Council will continue to look for an outside consultant. Discussion was had regarding the Kountze Commons issues raised in Pastor Hall's report. The matter was tabled until the July council meeting. The proposal of a new 501(c)(3) entity that would oversee and further the mission of Kountze Commons and will be placed on the July agenda.

New Business. Pastor Olaf has approached the Nominating Committee invites and is still waiting to hear back from a few people. The By-Laws to the KMLC Constitution were distributed to and reviewed by council members and further discussion will be had during the July meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:26 PM.

## Book Group

Sunday, August 8, 12:15 PM

Fellowship Hall Lounge



The August selection is "The World of Willa Cather" by Mildred Bennett.

This is a biography of American novelist, Willa Cather and is an indispensable book for anyone interested in this woman of genius. The book primarily focuses on Willa's childhood and early years of living in Nebraska (1883 - 1896) and the relationships of family, friends,

and acquaintances that made an emotional impression on her life that is revealed in her writing. She uses these people in the characters in her books and short stories. Willa Cather came to Nebraska from Virginia at the age of nine and first settled in Catherton and then moved to Red Cloud, Nebraska. The adjustment to pioneer life was hard for her, which she records in "My Antonia" and "O Pioneers."

Author Mildred Bennett did a lot of research for this book which is not published anywhere else. She started the Willa Cather Pioneer Museum in Red Cloud in 1955 which is a popular visitor site.

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## Yesterday's Youth and Men's Lunch Resume in September

**Yesterday's Youth** will be resuming Tuesday, September 7 at 11:30 AM. Please call the Church office no later than Friday, September 3 to make your reservation, September's program: "From the Amazon to Machu Picchu" presented by Dr. Richard Sieling. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

**Men's Lunch** will resume Thursday, September 16 at 11:30 AM. Please call the Church office by Tuesday, September 14 to make your reservation, September's program will be about the Stained-glass windows. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

Please watch the weekly bulletin for any updates.



## 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).

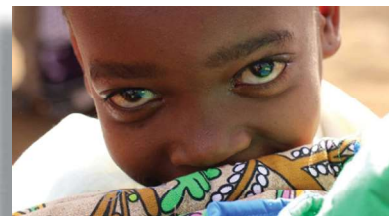
## Sewing Group

August 11

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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## Kountze Commons Donor Wall

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We pray you and your loved ones are safe and well during these unprecedented times. We know these have been and continue to be difficult times for many. During this time, Kountze Commons has stepped up to provide expanded food pantry services, primary care services, and behavioral health services to those most impacted by the pandemic and economic downturn.

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church leaders and Kountze Commons community partners have been meeting regularly during the last year to ascertain what Kountze and affiliates at Kountze Commons can do to step up boldly in response to the current ever-changing and growing human care needs. During this time, we are overjoyed to report that the Kountze Food Pantry has expanded its hours to provide food ANOTHER day during the week, the Del and Lou Ann Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic and Methodist Community Health Clinic have been working closely on joint initiatives to provide better care to patients, AND the Kountze Food Pantry, Methodist, and the Del and Lou Ann Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic teamed up with Douglas County Health Department to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to guests at the Kountze Food Pantry! All this and more could not have been done without the generosity of our wonderful volunteers and community partners. We thank them endlessly.

We have another major initiative happening at Kountze Commons that we are delighted to share. We are designing a Donor Wall to be displayed on the Kountze Commons link windows – placed in between Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church and Kountze Commons – to express gratitude to our faithful donors who have provided crucial

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## Kountze History from the



The Rev. Walter Henry Traub (1931 - 1959), was the longest serving pastor in Kountze Memorial's history. He founded the Order of St. John worship assistants, in 1941; oversaw the addition of Fellowship Hall, church school classrooms, offices and kitchen dedicated in 1942; the purchase of the Aeolian-Skinner World War II Memorial pipe organ in 1950; and conducted the first Protestant Preaching Mission to the United States Air Force beginning in 1951. He was considered a member of a distinguished group of ministers called, "Princes of the Pulpit." Despite the tough times of the 1930's depression, World War II and the Korean War, Rev. Traub took hold of things at Kountze Memorial with strength and finesse. His power in the pulpit, his pleasant ways with people, and his abundant sense of humor endeared him with everyone. His greatest talent was moving people to thought and action through his sermons. These were sometimes 45 minutes long and it was the primary way he led and fed his congregation. Pastor Traub and wife Ruth had six children, 3 sons and 3 daughters. Daughter-in-law Beverly Traub and her son Matthew are still members of Kountze. In a 2010 Archive Committee interview Beverly and Matt said that during those long sermons, with people nodding off, Pastor Traub would raise his voice in a booming manner and everyone would wake up.

### PASTOR TRAUB'S PREACHING MISSIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Pastor Traub became very good friends with Gen. Curtis LeMay at Offutt Air Force Base. The General greatly admired Pastor Traub and asked him to speak to the Air Force troops overseas and in the states. During the summer months of



Rev. Walter Traub leaving for Preaching Missions to Europe in July, 1951

July and August of 1951 the Rev. Traub traveled to Iceland, Europe, and North Africa preaching to the airmen. At one base he was asked by an airman from Texas to baptize their eight-day old baby. Rev. Traub said, "So you see I am right at home." In a base at Furstenbruck, Germany commanded by Colonel Scott, a World War II flying ace and author of "God Is my Co-Pilot," he preached twice in a lovely chapel and received an autographed copy of the Colonel's book. His last mission before departing for home was at Templehof Air Base in Berlin where 3,600 underprivileged children were entertained in parties in the airmen's mess hall. Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, was the main speaker at Pastor Traub's Twentieth Anniversary Banquet at the Kountze 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting on December 4, 1951. Pastor Traub continued conducting preaching missions at numerous Air Force Bases in the States and in 1956 he was invited to speak at a Spiritual Life Conference for Air Force

Chaplains at Estes Park, Colorado. During Pastor Traub's twenty-fifth Anniversary reception in September 1956, a surprise feature of the event was the presentation of a Citation for Service signed by General Nathan Twining, Chief of Staff for the Air Force in Washington D.C.

In December 1959 at the age of 71 years, Rev. Traub retired from Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church after over 28 years of service. He then became Assistant Pastor of Morning Star Lutheran Church in Omaha. He retired from that position in 1967 at the age of 78 years. As Matt Traub, his grandson said, in the 2010 Interview, Pastor Traub never really "retired" but he just slowed down and was always speaking at many, many events. He died on December 21, 1975 at the age of 88 years just 19 days after the passing of his wife Ruth. They are both buried in the Traub Family plot at the Promfret Manor Cemetery in his hometown of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.



Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, Washington, DC



## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 5/1.....	\$2,443,901.14	6/1.....	\$2,358,901.14
Principal Payment, 5/19.....	\$85,000.00	6/19.....	\$8,082.98
Principal Payment, 5/19.....	\$7,412.70		
Interest Payment, 5/19.....	\$8,042.30	6/19.....	\$7,372.02
Balance, 6/1.....	\$2,351,488.44	7/1.....	\$2,343,405.46

## Finances: May & June, 2021

	May	June	Year-to-Date
Total General Fund			
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 87,601</b>	<b>\$ 61,931</b>	<b>\$ 480,894</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Mission Support	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Christian Education:	\$ 141	\$ 60	\$ 781
Facility Costs:	\$ 10,248	\$ 6,838	\$ 67,825
Staff Compensation:	\$ 57,209	\$ 55,727	\$ 339,721
Worship & Music:	\$ 2,301	\$ 737	\$ 8,522
Parish Life:	\$ 539	\$ 614	\$ 1,625
Youth:	\$ 121	\$ 1,184	\$ 2,934
Office & Administration:	\$ 5,610	\$ 5,038	\$ 32,647
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 97,498</b>	<b>\$ 70,199</b>	<b>\$ 475,054</b>

*Maintenance Trivia: Did you know that every three months Jim Smejkal changes 54 furnace filters in the church (does not include Kountze Commons)!*

## Food Pantry Report (1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021)

**Balance, 1/1/2021** \$ 50,000.00

Income:	May	June
Donations:	\$ 40,315.90	\$ 43,308.83
Memorials	\$ 345.00	\$ 420.00
	\$ 40,660.90	\$ 43,728.83

### Expenses:

Aldi	\$ -	\$ -
Costco	\$ -	\$ -
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$ -	\$ -
HyVee	\$ -	\$ -
Dollar Tree	\$ -	\$ -
Family Fare	\$ -	\$ -
Food Bank	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 2,379.86	\$ 2,379.86
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 88,281.04</b>	<b>\$ 91,348.97</b>

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

## Construction Loan

We currently have a construction loan with the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. This loan (up to \$1.5 million) was authorized by the congregation to cover the costs of the sanctuary roof repairs and the repairs to the Stained Glass Windows. As of (June 30) we have borrowed a total of **\$949,021** and in June we paid interest on the loan of **\$2,901**. The loan is scheduled to amortized on August 1, 2021 but we may be able to get an extension until the windows have been installed. Until then, we pay interest only.

## More on the Endowment Fund

The purpose of Endowment Fund is spelled out in our congregation's constitution. Here is what the constitution states:

*At the discretion of the Board, all, part of, none of, the net income from the fund may be distributed as deemed appropriate for the following purpose:*

- (1) Capital Improvements for Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.
- (2) Community and Synodical Ministries.
- (3) National and Global Ministries.
- (4) Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Media Ministries.

## Pastoral Acts (May 16 - July 15)

### Baptisms:

Levi James Corona, June 20, 2021  
Watson Kurtis Featherly-Lavelle, July 3, 2021

### Weddings:

Kirk Krisor & Terri Partridge, May 22, 2021  
Wesley Nielson & Lorie Groenjes, June 18, 2021  
Nick Anggelis/Britain Doolittle, July 10, 2021

### Funerals:

Helen L. Taylor, May 19, 2021

# Calendar...



## **August 1 Sunday**

Pentecost 10

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:10 AM deFreese Manor Board

10:15 AM Holy Play

## **August 2 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

August 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## **August 4 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

## **August 5 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **August 6 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

## **August 7 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

## **August 8 Sunday**

Pentecost 11

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Coffee Hour

10:15 AM Holy Play

12:15 PM Book Group

## **August 9 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

5:30 PM Clinic Board

## **August 10 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## **August 11 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group

11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Senior High Mini Golf Outing

## **August 12 Thursday**

Council Reports Due

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **August 13 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

## **August 14 Saturday**

8:00 AM Clinic Board

5:00 PM Worship

5:00 PM Blessing of Backpacks

## **August 15 Sunday**

Pentecost 12

Good News Deadline

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Blessing of Backpacks

10:00 AM Coffee Hour/Summer

Youth Trip Sharing

10:15 AM Holy Play

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:15 PM '22 Yourh Gathering Meeting

## **August 16 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

## **August 17 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Congregation Council

## **August 18 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

## **August 19 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **August 20 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

7:00 PM Senior High Back to School Lock-In

## **August 21 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

## **August 22 Sunday**

Pentecost 13

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:10 AM Congregation Meeting

10:15 AM Holy Play

## **August 23 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

## **August 24 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## **August 25 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Meal & Confirmation Orientation

## **August 26 Thursday**

Register for Confirmation

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## **August 27 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

## **August 28 Saturday**

10:30 AM Senior High Music w/ deFreese Manor

5:00 PM Worship

## **August 29 Sunday**

Pentecost 14

Nebraska Synod Sunday

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Congregational Election Meeting

10:10 AM Baptism Seminar

10:15 AM Holy Play

## **August 30 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

## **August 31 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting



## Looking Ahead to September

### **September 7 Tuesday**

11:30 AM Yesterday's Youth

### **September 8 Wednesday**

6:00 PM Confirmation Meal & Class

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **September 12 Sunday**

Rally Sunday

10:10 AM Adult Forum

God's Work Our Hands Meal/Event

### **September 16 Thursday**

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

### **September 19 Sunday**

Recognition of Children's Choir Director, Donna Moessner

10:10 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Youth Forum

### **September 19 & 26 Sunday**

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

12:15 PM New Member Classes



## Birthday Blessings

1. Joseph Council
2. Kimberly Brunk, James Hansen, Scott Henneman, Susan Hinrichs, Ruth Pera, Diane Nickeson-Ray
3. Michele Bang, Julia Maaske, Matthew Martens, Lillian O'Kane, Gail Marcum
4. Donna Nimerichter, Shawn Peterson, Zachary Phillips, Terri Rohmeyer
5. Jason Brunk, Linda Comfort, Janice Gleason, Gary Moller, Laci Mulick
6. Ellen Day, Candace Edris, Laura Klein
7. Debbie Bogue, Robert Grinnell, Sara Harvey, Harrison Weddell, Kay Wise
8. Betty Callies, Beverly Falk, Sonya Hamaker, Jared Jensen, Tarna Kidder, Ron Muchmore, Nancy Tunzer
9. Jared Clanton, Martha Eckmann, Emily Hagge, Sally Linquist, David Nelson
10. John Askew, Jinette Cswercko, Deborah Hinrichs, JoDee Horacek, Bobbie Powell, Darlene Tuite, Maria Watts, Franklin Yates
11. Riley Heimes, Molly Hosch-Hill, Noelle Phelps, Dale Spier, Amy Studts, Samantha Waller
12. Susan Darr, Wiliam McKeeman
13. Vonn Milks, Kimberly Nelson, Victoria Soukup
14. Jennifer Bunge, Gretchen Engelkamp, Rachel Thokala, Sheri Tipton, William Tunzer, Pr. Olaf Roynesdal
15. Emily Kirkvold
16. Jill Bruckner, George Hansen
17. Charles Darr, Paul Morrow, Angelia Reimers, Jillian Setterburg, Jody Stier
18. Sherri Hannon, Kyle Nelson, Richard Nelson, Rain Bigfire
19. Ainsley Christensen, Jessica Fajen, Brian Hadfield, Tara Whitley
20. Gordon Jensen, Emma Maaske, Sheila Valquier
21. Melinda Kant, Steve Kirkvold
22. Lindsay Sadlemyer, Traci Stephens
23. Marjean Gillaspie, Steven Hansen, Clara Kidder, Ann Miller
24. Dudley Syre
25. Kelly Hinrichs, Anthony Bonacci
26. Stephanie Christensen, Margaret Grabow, Chris Link, Susan Toelle
27. Laura Gardner
28. Katherine Allyn, James Anderson, Maisy Fletcher, Gloria Ruesch
29. Lydia Baum, Taylor Dixon, Janice Falk, Diane Jones, Jodi Winther
30. Larry Allison,
31. Colleen Lenners, William Poulsen, Kenneth Wise

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financial and strategic resources, ensuring that we are able to fulfill our mission of Feeding the Hungry, Healing the Sick, and Tending the Soul! At the donor's discretion, the Donor Wall will display the names of members, non-members, and organizations who have given \$5,000 or more since the Campaign began to any of the ministries located within Kountze Commons: The Capital Campaign, the Kountze Food Pantry, the Del and Lou Ann Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic, or any combination thereof. Letters have been sent to donors who meet eligibility criteria to have their names displayed on the wall. The Donor Wall is an on-going project and will be updated annually as donors continue to meet eligibility criteria.

Finally, one challenge before us is completion of the Capital Campaign so that we are freed up to serve in new ways to meet the current changing needs of the landscape and community around us! As of July 1, 2021, we are pleased to report that the balance of the Kountze Commons mortgage is \$2,343,405.46. Unfortunately, each month our interest and principal payments total \$15,455. Our committee (see names below) is working diligently to reduce this debt and we need your help, too! Imagine the possibilities for Kountze if we could be free of these payments and use the revenue instead for other purposes

as the Body of Christ "In the City for Good!"

In addition to the Donor Wall, we are making available to Kountze Members the opportunity to invest in a named space in Kountze Commons. Available spaces are as follows: The Kountze Commons Building, Kountze Commons Courtyard, Community Collaboration Commons, Kountze Church and Commons Link, and the Active Learning Classroom in the Del and Lou Ann Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic. A named space could be a beautiful way to honor or memorialize loved ones or use a naming opportunity to inspire others by including a favorite Bible verse! If you have ANY questions about the Donor Wall or are interested in one of these naming opportunities, please contact Taylor Brown at 402-830-4923 or [taylor.kountzecommons@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.kountzecommons@gmail.com). Confidentiality is paramount and will be preserved.

It takes every one of us to make a difference. Many thanks for your tremendous support as we serve "the least of these" now and into the future at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.

Sincerely,

Pastor Olaf, Linda Daugherty, Tim Holland, Dr. Bob Fonda, Dr. Jerry Fischer, Ruth and Scott Henneman, Paul Sum, Dale Broekemeier, and Taylor Brown

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## Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is televised live on Cox channel 13 and live streamed on our website at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/> (you may watch the live-stream at anytime)

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## New Member Classes

Sundays, September 19 and 26  
12:15 PM

If you are interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church or maybe even considering membership, please sign up to attend the New Member Orientation Classes that we are planning to be held in September (please plan to attend both sessions).

Please call the church office to sign up or if you have questions.

**THE BYLAWS OF  
KOUNTZE MEMORIAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

**[regarding membership]**

C.8.05.01 A member who, for a period of one year, does not partake of Holy Communion and does not make a contribution of record, shall be contacted and encouraged to participate in the life and worship of the congregation. If during the second year, the member does not so participate, that member's name shall be presented to the Congregation Council for consideration for placement on the inactive rolls of the congregation. Upon this recommendation by the Congregation Council, such member shall, if possible, be notified in writing.

**[regarding congregation meetings]**

C10.01.01 In its Congregational Meetings, the Church discerns, through prayer and deliberation, God's direction for faithful service. There are two Meetings to be held regularly each year.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The congregation shall meet during January or February. This Annual Meeting is to look back and thank God for God's work through the Staff, Council, Committees, Organizations, and other ministry efforts. Written reports are to be available a full week ahead of the meeting, on the website and in the printed booklet of reports.

This Annual Meeting also seeks God's guidance for the new year, specifically including, but not limited to, a proposed spending plan (budget). This proposed spending plan shall, in tentative form, be available for consideration and discussion in an Adult Forum, the week prior to the Annual Meeting. A revised form shall be made available on line in the week prior to the Annual Meeting and in print form at the meeting.

The Annual Meeting offers opportunity for congregational members to bring forward various ideas and questions for discussion by the congregation. So that all may participate thoughtfully and faithfully, Congregational members may present any matter to the Congregation Council at its December meeting. At its discretion, the Council shall include these matters in the agenda of the Annual Meeting. This agenda is to be approved at its January meeting and made available on line at least 10 days before the Annual Meeting. For matters that seem extraordinary, the Council is encouraged to give opportunity for discussion in additional forums before the Annual Meeting.

**ELECTION MEETING:** A meeting to affirm members for the Congregation Council, Endowment Fund Board, deFreese Manor Board, and other offices as specified in the Constitution, shall be held in August.

To prepare for open discernment of Congregational leaders: The Congregation Council, by its July meeting shall determine which positions need to be filled and if current holders are eligible and willing to serve. The nominating committee shall publicize this list in the print and electronic newsletters, inviting congregational members to submit suggestions. The Nominating Committee shall then prepare a list of persons willing to serve – one name for each position needed – along with helpful biographical information. This listing shall be available to the congregation on line, through electronic communication a full week before the meeting.

Other items for consideration may be included in the agenda provided they are presented for the Council's approval and in time for information regarding the matter to be sent to the congregation a full week before the meeting.

Congregational Meetings may be scheduled between Sunday morning services, with the morning planned to give adequate time for prayers, celebration and deliberation.

**[regarding duties of officers]**

C11.01.01 The Senior Pastor shall be the ex-officio president of the congregation and the Congregation Council. The president shall preside at meetings of the congregation and the Congregation Council. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside.

C11.01.02 The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the congregation and of the Council. Such minutes shall be preserved permanently in the congregation archives.

C11.01.03 The treasurer shall keep the books of accounts of the congregation and shall disburse them on proper orders, making monthly remittance of benevolence payments to the synod treasurer. The treasurer shall make written report of all financial transactions to the Congregation Council monthly and to the congregation at its annual meeting.

**[regarding ministry committees]**

C12.04.01 At its first meeting following the Election Meeting, the Council shall (prepare to) organize working groups [also known as committees, task-forces, etc.] to ensure that the purposes of the congregation, as defined in Chapter 4 of the Constitution, are faithfully served according to discernment of God's guidance for that purpose in the present life of the Congregation. At this meeting, Council members will be appointed to serve as liaisons to each of these ministry areas.

- These areas of ministry include, but are not limited to:
- Worship (and Music);
- Witnessing to those not presently in the congregation;
- Serving the needs of neighbors – within the congregation, in our community, and beyond
- Forming and Nurturing Faith– for all stages and situations of life
- Stewardship of our lives, so that we can live faith every day
- Connecting with communities of faith – Lutheran, Christian, other – locally and throughout the world

The appointed Council liaison will work with persons committed to this specific area, to organize so the area ministry is faithfully served.

With the guidance of the Senior Pastor, staff members will be assigned to work with each ministry area.

**[regarding congregation committees]**

C13.01.01 **FINANCE COMMITTEE** (moved from standing committees) The Finance Committee shall prepare a draft budget for the succeeding year, including this congregation's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in its behalf by the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA and the Synod, and shall submit such draft budget to the Congregation Council for its action and later presentation to the Congregation Meeting. The Committee shall exercise oversight of all the financial affairs of the congregation to make sure that they are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of benevolence monies to the synodical treasurer. It shall, subject to the approval of the Congregation Council, be responsible for the congregation's investments and its total insurance program. It shall also provide audits of the accounts of the treasurer and the financial secretary, if there be one, as well as of the accounts of the schools and organizations within the congregation. The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member.

C13.01.02 **PROPERTY COMMITTEE** (moved from standing committees) This committee shall see to the proper maintenance and protection of all property of the congregation and shall take care that same is kept in good repair.

C13.01.03 **A PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** shall consist of six voting members of this congregation and the Vice-President of the Congregation Council. Each of the six members shall be appointed by the Congregation Council for a two year term with three members to be appointed each year. This committee shall provide evaluations and compensation recommendations of all staff. The Vice-President of the Congregation Council shall serve as chairperson of this committee.

C13.01.04 **A NOMINATING COMMITTEE** of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be appointed by the Congregation Council for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.

C13.01.05 **ARCHIVES COMMITTEE** shall direct the filing and maintenance of the documents, records, minutes and important papers and archives of the congregation when they are no longer of current operational value. The members of this committee shall be appointed to terms of four years and shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive four year terms. The Chair is elected by the committee for a one year term without limit to succession. The Auditing Committee of the congregation shall make an annual audit of the files and records.