

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## Starting Up Again – Sorta, Kinda

The resumption of Fall activities has come. Public and Parochial Schools have started, holding in-person learning. Complicating everything, of course, is the Delta variant. We are all a bit anxious and apprehensive because we simply do not know how things will transpire. Things seem to be going fairly well in our area but infections and hospitalizations have increased. To what extent increases will continue remains to be seen.

The Reopening Task Force is monitoring the situation regularly. For now, we will not require masks in church but they are encouraged. Masks will be available at the church for anyone who desires one. We continue to require all unvaccinated people to wear masks while in the building.

For the SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN we are requiring that all adults working with the children in Sunday School must be vaccinated. Both students and adults will be required to wear masks during the education hour. Children must wear masks the entire time they are in the church building.

We will continue with our regular worship schedule: Saturdays, 5:00 PM. Sundays, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

The Fellowship Hall will be open between services but for the time being only coffee and cookies will be served. We have had a poor response for volunteers to work the breakfast meal. It is hoped eventually that we will be able to offer breakfast at least once-a-month, serving the food from the kitchen window (no buffet style). That will depend upon how the pandemic proceeds as well as the recruitment of volunteers to prepare the meal.

We will continue to keep you updated as things move along. We continue to pray for the ministry of our congregation during this difficult time. We pray for each other: for our safety and well-being. We pray for our health care providers who are working long and difficult hours caring for the sick. And we pray for our government leaders as they work to lead us through this pandemic.

*Pastor Olaf Roynesdal*

## Milestone Ordination Anniversary Celebrations!

On October 3, join us in Worship and Fellowship Time to celebrate those who have served in ministry of the church. Former Bishop Rev. David deFreese, a son of the congregation, will be preaching at both services. A reception time with cake and remembrances will happen between services. We invite the congregation to bring cards of congratulations and thanks to place in a gift bag for each one. We are uplifting the following:

- 2020: Deacon Jean Johnson – 20 years  
Pastor Deanne Lundahl – 35 years
- 2021: Pastor Ashley Hall – 10 years  
Pastor Inba Inbarasu – 30 years  
Pastor Dean Bard – 40 years  
Pastor Olaf Roynesdal – 40 years  
Pastor Paul Moessner – 45 years



We give thanks for each call to ministry and the faithful ways they live out their service to the church and world.

# 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.



Photo by Jake Madison

## Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



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

website. Go to [www.kmlchurch.org](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!*

## Adult Choir Resumes in September We Need YOU!!!



Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God and have fun together. The Adult Choir will have its first meeting Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 7 to 8:30 PM. The choir will return to the worship services on Sunday, September 12.

If you are interested in being a part of this important worship, we would be very glad to welcome you. Past singing experience in high school or college is recommended. The director, Barb Carlsen, would like to hear you sing before joining the choir just to make sure that this group will blend with your type of voice. If you want more information about choir or would like to reserve a time to sing for Barb Carlsen, please call the church office at 402-341-7761.

# SERVE with us...



## Kountze Food Pantry

We are still in need of volunteers to sign up for "carry out duty" on Mondays from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. It is good to share the load, and give others a chance to serve.

We are still collecting school supplies for our school aged guests. We are the only source for these items for some of the children.

We CAN accept unfolded, paper bags, in new condition. We CANNOT reuse plastic shopping bags! Reusable tote bags are very welcome for our walking population. Thank-you for your contributions to the Kountze Food Pantry!

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.



Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church will be participating in God's Work, Our Hands on September 12. This is an opportunity to be of service to our church and community. There are 3 areas of volunteering available which are described in the online registration form (see below). Lunch will be served to all volunteers. Please contact Kristin Boe at [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org), or at 402-630-4578 with any questions.

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# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!

### Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 12

10:10 AM



Register for Sunday School at at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration>

### 2022 Summer Youth Trip Registrations

Due on September 3

ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

July 24 – July 30, 2022

All 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to sign up to attend the The Gathering with Service Learning, Interactive Learning, Synod Day and Mass Gatherings will focus on the theme Boundless, from Sunday – Thursday. We will then take a few days to explore Minnesota, before returning home. Cost for this event is \$450 and will include Gathering Fee, Transportation, Hotel, All Meals and Additional Travel Days. Registration Form and a \$150.00 deposit is due by Friday, September 3. Speak with Pastor Shari soon, if you are interested.



### Confirmation Program

In-Person beginning Wednesday, September 8

6:00 PM

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



If your youth isn't registered for Confirmation, 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.



### Senior High Youth Activities

Mark your Calendars and plan to attend:

- Sept. 12 - Rally Sunday and God's Work, Our Hands Service Day
- Sept. 19 – Youth Forum in Youth Room YG Bible Study
- Sept. 26 – Youth Forum in Youth Room Community Fun



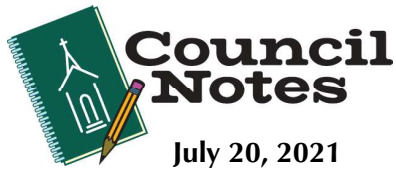
### College Students Contact Information

If you are a college student we would love to have an address and email so we can stay in touch with you. Please pass this information on to the office. Thank You!



# NEWS & Notes...

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July 20, 2021

Motion and approval of June minutes.

Motion and approval of financial report given by Tim Backora. June giving was down, but summer months can be a little slower.

Staff reports given and approved. Nominating committee met and nominated Sarah Penn (second term) for the Endowment Board and Dr. Steven Hinrichs, Ann Miller (second term), Michael Jensen (second term), and Bruce Nissen for the Church Council

Committee reports given. Outreach is planning new member classes. Personnel committee reported that Pastor Hall's duties will be distributed as he reduces to part time. Pastor Olaf intends to retire by the end of the year. Interim Pastor will likely be necessary as a call committee works to select a new senior pastor. Stewardship is looking for additional volunteers. Worship & Music is recruiting OSJ members and ushers.

Board reports given. DeFreese Manor board reported the purchase agreement was signed on June 21. Sharon West has been working very hard to get the necessary materials and documents together for the due diligence, which may take 60-90 days. The Nebraska Attorney General will require a 30-day notice to ratify the purchase agreement and to amend the articles of incorporation of Kountze Memorial Inc (the owner of DeFreese Manor).

Notice will be given via the monthly newsletter, email, and bulletin. The Clinic board is planning a fall retreat to refine their bylaws. The Food pantry also reported a decrease in demand on Fridays, but still feeding a number of children. The pantry will remain open on Fridays as they continue to monitor demand as the economy seems to be improving

Old Business. KMLC Constitutional by-laws were approved and will be in the newsletter prior to the August congregational meeting. Strategic planning/council retreat will be held in September with a Friday evening dinner with spouses and an all-day Saturday working session. Discussion was had regarding the Kountze Commons issues raised in Pastor Hall's report. Pastor Hall reported that key people have met and continue to meet to discuss differing arrangements of the many entities to have grown from KMLC and what role a new 501(c)(3) will play. The proposal of a new 501(c)(3) entity that would oversee and further the mission of Kountze Commons and will remain on the agenda.

New Business. The Council approved Jean Johnson as Synod Ambassador. Pastor Duminy reported that we may have a seminarian student intern in the fall of 2022.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:24 PM.

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## The Offering as Worship

by Mark Allan Powell

Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

When I was a child, my mother used to pack us all in the station wagon and drive us to church on Sunday morning. She would say, "We are going to worship God! Six days a week, God blesses us, and on Sunday, we go to give thanks!"

Why I Go To Church: I have continued going to church most of my life and have found a lot of reasons to go. Sometimes the sermons are helpful; sometimes the music is inspiring; sometimes the people are friendly; sometimes, I get a lot out of it. The thing is...I don't always get a lot out of it. One thing I have discovered as a lifelong church-goer is that there is hardly ever a Sunday when I cannot find something to complain about...but then I remember what my mother said...and I wonder if maybe it's not about me.

Every day of the week, God blesses us...and on Sunday

we go and give thanks...we worship God...and give thanks because God is so good to us. And nothing can stop God's goodness from happening—not even boring sermons, bad hymns, or annoying pew mates. We can always worship God. We can always give thanks to God for being so good to us.

Why We Have Offerings: Eventually, I discovered something else: There is no better way to give thanks than with a gift. When someone does something nice we often give them a gift to say thank you. When you love someone, you want to give them things: gifts that say, "I love you."

Did you know that this is why we have offerings during the church service? I didn't know that for a long time. I used to think it was because the church needed to collect some money to pay its bills...so, every Sunday, we'd take a little break from worship and pass the plates around.

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# 150 Years as the Nebraska Synod: Built of Living Stones, A (very) Short History



The very first Lutherans in the Territory of Nebraska were among the waves of homesteaders of the 1840s and 50s who the U.S. government settled here on indigenous land. But these lay Lutherans preceded

the church; no Lutheran churches or pastors were here in Nebraska until the missionary Pastor Henry Kuhns arrived in the late 1850s to organize the Lutheran settlers he found already living here. Preaching points slowly became congregations and the church members eventually constructed their own church buildings.

The Nebraska Synod as a governing body was first established in 1871 as a conference of the larger General Synod, the Lutheran denomination on the east coast dating back to the colonial period. However, throughout the 19th and 20th century, there were many different and evolving denominations of Lutherans in America (many represented within the Nebraska state border), divided along lines of national origin and language. In addition, these Lutherans held different convictions on doctrine, worship practices, and spirituality which resulted in yet more denominational splits. The congregations of the Nebraska Synod, ELCA today are descended from many of these antecedent Lutheran bodies.

Beginning in the late 19th century, the various ethnic Lutheran denominations established academic and social welfare institutions here in Nebraska. The (English and German speaking) General Synod founded Midland College and Western Theological Seminary which eventually located to Fremont. The (German speaking) Midwest Synod (formerly German Nebraska Conference) founded Martin Luther Seminary in Lincoln. The Swedish

Augustana Synod founded Luther College in Wahoo and the Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha as well as Bethphage Mission in Axtell. The "Inner Mission" Danes founded Trinity Seminary/Dana College as well as a Danish language printing press in Blair Nebraska. This is by no means an exhaustive list of Lutheran institutions; but these historic examples of Lutheran energy for education and social services are still in evidence today in our ongoing support for the Nebraska Synod serving arms and the larger work of the ELCA.

The early 20th century for Lutherans in Nebraska proved to be a deeply painful and challenging time. When the United States entered WWI, the government launched an anti-German propaganda campaign. As a result, German-speaking people, and indeed, many other non-English speaking people, were persecuted by the government as well as harassed by their neighbors. This pressured Lutheran congregations in Nebraska to quickly move towards English-only worship services and religious education. In addition, as younger generations of Lutherans became "Americanized" the previous divisions between Lutheran bodies seemed less formidable by degrees. As a result, Lutheran denominations started merging.

By the 1970s the three Lutheran bodies that would eventually join together to form the ELCA were the Lutheran Church in America, The American Lutheran Church, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (having separated earlier from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod). The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was born in 1988. At that time, there were about 276 congregations in the new Nebraska Synod, ELCA. Its first bishop was Dennis Anderson.

-written by Rev. Kristen Van Stee  
Assistant to the Bishop

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## KOUNTZE MEMORIAL, INC.

2650 Farnam Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

## NOTICE OF MEETING OF MEMBERS

October 17, 2021

A Meeting of Members of Kountze Memorial, Inc. ("KMI") will be held at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church at 2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, on October 17, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. local time in the Fellowship Hall to consider the following:

1. To approve and ratify and sale of deFreese Manor to House of David Preservation, Inc. While this sale was previously approved by the members in June, the October 17 meeting will formalize such approval in a manner that complies with Nebraska law and what Nebraska Attorney General's office requires for non-profit organizations.
2. To amend the Articles of Incorporation to allow KMI to distribute upon dissolution all funds remaining after the payment of debts to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.
3. To dissolve KMI, contingent on the closing of the sale of deFreese Manor.

A formal notice of the Meeting will be mailed to all members. All members are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. All questions may be directed to Scott Henneman, President of the Board of Kountze Memorial Inc. via email [scotthenneman@aol.com](mailto:scotthenneman@aol.com).

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**KOUNTZE MEMORIAL, INC.  
INFORMATION STATEMENT  
for  
Meeting of Members  
to be held  
October 17, 2021**

This Information Statement is being furnished to the members of Kountze Memorial, Inc. (the "Corporation") in connection with the Annual Meeting of Members (the "Annual Meeting") to be held October 17, 2021, at 10:15a.m. local time.

The purposes of the Annual Meeting and the matters to be acted upon are:

1. To approve and ratify, in all respects and particulars, all acts and deeds of the Board of Directors of the Corporation to sell deFreese Manor (the "Asset Sale") substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of that certain Purchase Agreement by and between the Corporation and House of David Preservation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation registered in the District of Columbia (the "Purchase Agreement"), the terms of which are summarized herein.
2. To amend the Articles of Incorporation to allow the Corporation to distribute upon dissolution all funds remaining after the payment of debts to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, so long as it qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") at the time such distribution would be made (the "Amendment").
3. To consider and vote upon the distribution of the assets and dissolution of the Corporation, contingent on the closing of the sale of deFreese Manor in accordance with the Purchase Agreement (the "Dissolution"), substantially in accordance with the Plan of Dissolution summarized herein.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting of the Members or any adjournment thereof. The Board of Directors of the Corporation is not aware of any other business to come before the Meeting of the Members.

Approval of each of (1) the Asset Sale and the Purchase Agreement, (2) the Amendment to the Articles, and (3) the Dissolution and the Plan of Dissolution requires the affirmative vote of the lesser of (i) two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting at which there is a quorum, or (ii) a majority of the total voting power. The Corporation's Bylaws provide that the presence of at least twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum.

**The Board of Directors of the Corporation believe the Asset Sale, the Amendment, and the Dissolution are in the best interests of the members and recommends that the members vote FOR the approval of the Asset Sale, the Amendment, and the Dissolution.**

## **SUMMARY**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation has unanimously approved (1) the Asset Sale, to be consummated in accordance with the Purchase Agreement, (2) the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, and (3) the Dissolution, to be consummated in accordance with the Plan of Dissolution.

The date of this Information Statement is the record date for the determination of members of the Corporation who are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, only members of record at the close of business on the record date will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, with each member being entitled to one vote on all matters properly presented at the Annual Meeting.

## **THE ASSET SALE**

The President and Board of Directors have negotiated the sale of the deFreese Manor to House of David Preservation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation. The purchase price is \$3,200,000 and the sale is conditioned on the receipt of HUD approval, delivery of a Phase I environmental report, execution of a Parking Agreement, and execution of a Naming and Governance Agreement. The Purchase Agreement and Asset Sale were discussed in further detail at the Member Meeting held Sunday, June 13, 2021, at which the membership approved the Asset Sale by a vote of 75 to 7.

## **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Currently, Article III, Section d of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation limits the distribution of funds upon dissolution, after the payment of the Corporation's debts, to organizations "created and operated for nonprofit purposes similar to those of the Corporation." Because the Corporation has the charitable purpose of "provid[ing] elderly persons and handicapped persons with housing facilities and services", the distribution upon dissolution is currently limited to organizations operated to providing housing and services to elderly and handicapped persons.

The Board believes it to be in the best interest of the Corporation to amend the Articles of Incorporation to allow for the distribution of funds upon dissolution to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, as an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. To enable such distribution, the Board recommends amending Article III, Section d of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation by deleting the current language and replacing it with the following:

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation to such nonprofit charitable or educational organization or organizations that the Board, in its discretion, may select, and that are described in Section 509(a)(1) or Section 509(a)(2) of the Code, and which at the time of dissolution qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

## **THE DISSOLUTION**

The Plan of Dissolution provides that the President of the Corporation, or such other officer(s) of the Corporation as the President may designate, will be appointed to wind up the affairs of the Corporation and shall have the authority to oversee the cessation of operations, the settlement of all claims and liabilities,



the collection of accounts, the giving of required notices, the sale or other disposition of assets, the execution of all documents and the distribution of assets following satisfaction of liabilities in accordance with the Plan of Dissolution.

The winding up of the Corporation will occur according to the following steps:

- File Articles of Dissolution with the Nebraska Secretary of State.
- Provide notice to all known creditors, and publish notice to unknown creditors in compliance with Nebraska law.
- Liquidate the Corporation assets and collect on the Corporation's accounts.
- Apply the proceeds from the disposition of assets: first, to pay all debts and liabilities, known, contingent, and potential, including costs and expenses of concluding the complete liquidation (including but not limited to legal and accounting fees) of the Corporation; and second, to distribute all remaining property and assets of the Corporation to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?**

Members of record as of the close of business on October 17, 2021, are entitled to one vote per member at the Annual Meeting.

### **What vote is required of our members to approve the Asset Sale, Amendment, and the Dissolution?**

The Asset Sale must be approved by the lesser of (i) two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting at which there is a quorum, or (ii) a majority of the total voting power. The Amendment must be approved by the lesser of (i) two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting at which there is a quorum, or (ii) a majority of the total voting power. The Dissolution must be approved by the lesser of (i) two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting at which there is a quorum, or (ii) a majority of the total voting power.

The Corporation's Bylaws provide that the presence of at least twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum.

### **Who can help answer my questions?**

If you have questions about the Asset Sale, the Amendment, or the Dissolution after reading this Information Statement or need assistance in voting your shares, you should contact Scott Henneman, President of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, at [scotthenneman@aol.com](mailto:scotthenneman@aol.com).

August 20, 2021

By Order of the Board of Directors  
Scott Henneman, President

## Affirmation by the Healing Gift Free Clinic

The Healing Gift Free Clinic is grateful for this opportunity to positively affirm its long-standing close relationship with Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.

**Why are we making this affirmation?** A few years ago, the Clinic took steps to obtain formal IRS recognition of its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. There were multiple reasons for doing so, all centered around fundraising for the congregation (esp. for Kountze Commons) and the Clinic. Part of this process was a technical change in legal structure from a limited liability company to a Nebraska nonprofit corporation.

Was that action intended in any way to separate the Clinic from the Church? The answer is an emphatic “no.” The Clinic holds strongly to its long-standing relationship with the Church—a relationship that has been unbroken since the Clinic was founded by the Church many years ago.

Recently, however, it has been pointed out that the Clinic’s relationship with the Church was not reflected in the Clinic’s legal documentation (its bylaws). In order to eliminate any confusion or controversy over this admitted gap in its paperwork, the Clinic Board wishes to a) clarify its mission statement, b) make changes to its bylaws, and c) officially and formally inform the congregation of these revisions.

**What action has the Clinic’s Board taken?** This Clinic’s Board has adopted formal corporate resolutions to:

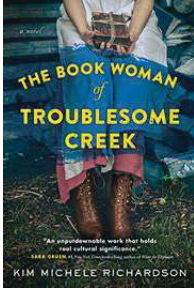
- Express profound gratitude to the congregation and memorialize the reasons for the legal change made to the Clinic;
- Affirm that the Clinic remains a non-proselytizing mission of the Church;
- Affirm that the Clinic remains committed to working with all of the various ministries of the Church;
- Confirm the Clinic’s current practices that (a) a pastor or deacon under call to the congregation should serve on the Clinic Board; (b) a representative from the Church Council should serve on the Clinic Board; and (c) the majority of those who serve on the Clinic Board should be members in good standing of the congregation;
- Introduce a staggered election process for members serving on the Board (consistent with the practices of electing members for the Church Council, DeFreese Manor, and Endowment Board) and provide a process for nominating a slate of candidates to serve on the Clinic Board at the annual meeting of the congregation;
- Introduce a requirement that approved written minutes of the Clinic Board be submitted regularly to the Council and reaffirm that the Clinic will provide an annual report for the congregation’s annual bulletin of reports;
- Grant authority to its officers, Pr. Ashley Hall (President) and Mr. David Klug (Chairman of the Board), to carry out the resolutions.

For a copy of the bylaws, please contact Pr. Hall.

## Book Group

Sunday, September 12, 12:15 PM

Fellowship Hall Lounge



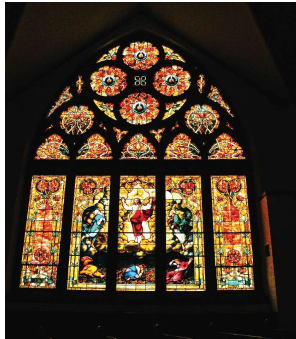
The September selection is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

This is a historical fiction novel about the WPA Pack Horse Library Project started in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to get people to work and promote social and cultural awareness of art, theater, and literature.

Cassy Mary Carter is a Pack Horse librarian in Eastern Kentucky, one of the hardest hit areas of the country during the Great Depression. Cassy rode her mule, Junra, to deliver books and reading material to the residents in the rockiest terrain of the Kentucky mountains. Cassy had to face the hardships of the terrain, weather, and prejudice of the citizens toward her job as well as being the last of her kind with a genetic blood disorder that caused her skin to be a shade of blue. The book is a story of courage, strength, poverty, and the belief that books can carry us anywhere.

## Stained Glass Window Update

We have all heard about shortages of lumber, automobiles, and pretty much everything else as the country recovers from Covid-19. That also holds true for some of the raw materials needed in the construction of our new window frames. Primarily the chemicals used for the thermal temperature breaks between the inner and outer frames. We don't have a firm schedule yet but it's looking like sometime in early to mid-October. Watch for 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

September 8

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.



## Yesterday's Youth

Tuesday, September 7

11:30 AM

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 Dick Sieling. The suggested donation is \$5.00. The main entrée will be Peruvian Chicken with Peruvian Green Sauce served on the side (don't worry it's not spicy). Come enjoy the flavors of South America and learn more about this interesting region.



## Men's Lunch

Thursday, September 16

11:30 AM

The 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.

We will have a short update on the stained-glass windows and time for re-connecting. Suggested donation is \$10.00.



## Kountze History from the



September 2021 - The 150th Anniversary of The Nebraska Lutheran Synod

Emanuel's Evangelical English Lutheran Church was organized in Omaha City on December 5, 1858 by the Rev. Henry Welty Kuhns. In 1883, the name was changed to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. EMANUEL'S COUNCIL MINUTES on August 23, 1868 - The Rev. Henry Welty Kuhn was given a leave of absence to attend a Allegheny Synod meeting in Pennsylvania. The Council requested the Rev. Kuhn's to ask the General Synod to take steps towards the formation of a District Synod in Nebraska.

October 15, 1868 - The Rev. Kuhn's reported on the meeting at the Allegheny Synod, but he mentioned nothing about the request to start a Nebraska District Synod. The Rev. Kuhns would later state that he didn't feel he feel a local synod was needed since he was a member of the Allegheny Synod of Pennsylvania.

July 30, 1870 - The Rev. Kuhn's submits a letter to the Church Council indicating his desire to resign on or before November 20, 1870. His farewell sermon was preached on Sunday November 20th

January 8, 1871 - An informational meeting was called just after the morning service. The Council again discusses forming a Synod in Nebraska. A resolution calling for this Synod is submitted by Brother Detwiler and the Council forms a Synod Committee and appointed Elder Augustus Kountze and Deacons

J.B. Detwiler and Frank Lehmer as members.

### Resolution in the 1868 - 1876: Emanuel's Council Record Book

Convinced that there should be a greater relationship between the Lutheran congregations and the ministers of Nebraska -that the time fully comes for them to form themselves into a Synod - and that our church will be very materially advanced in every department by such an organization. Also believing such to be the opinion generally held by our organization and ministers throughout the state. Therefore, it be resolved by the Council of Emanuel's Lutheran Church of Omaha that a committee of three members of the church, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to call a convention of the Lutheran ministers and by delegates from the Lutheran congregations in Nebraska as well as all others in adjacent states who may be willing to unite in said convention with a view to the organization of a Synod, after the manner prescribed by the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. And furthermore it shall be the duty to notify by circular or otherwise all of the above designated ministers and congregations of the time and place where the convention will be held and carry on all preparatory correspondence accepting to the success of the same. March 26, 1871 -At a meeting of the congregation by a unanimous vote the Rev. Ira. Billman of Wooster, Ohio was called to be Emanuel's new pastor. The Rev. Billman accepts the call and he preaches his first sermon on Sunday April 16, 1871.

May 9, 1871 -The Church Council meeting was held in the parlors of the First National Bank. The Synod Committee reported they had corresponded with all the ministers of the Lutheran Churches in Nebraska and that the results had been favorable for forming a Nebraska Synod.

"The Story of the Midwest Synod 1890 - 1950" - Ministers of Nebraska held a meeting in Omaha on April 27, 1871 and they asked the General Synod of America to dismiss them so they could organize a District Synod in the bounds of their own territory. The Rev. J. Frederick Kuhlman of Dakota City was elected President and the Rev. Ira Billman of Emanuel's in Omaha was elected Secretary. They met again on September 1, 1871, in Omaha. At that meeting they organized the Nebraska Synod using the Constitution of the Wittenburg Synod that had been accepted by the General Synod.

"History of the Allegheny Synod of Pennsylvania Vol. I- 1920"

In 1862 the Allegheny Synod asked the Rev. J. F. Kuhlman to go as a missionary to Nebraska to help the Rev. Kuhns who they had sent there in October of 1858. Although inclined to go, on account of the

Civil War and bad economic conditions he had to decline. In 1864, he was again asked to go, circumstances having changed, he accepted the call and he filled the pulpit in Fontenelle. In the fall of 1864 the Rev. Samuel Aughey was sent to fill the pulpits in Dakota City and Ponca. In 1866 the Rev. Eli Huber built a church in Nebraska City and in 1869

Rev. J. G. Groenmiller he started a church in Falls City. All four of these ministers from the Allegheny Synod and the Rev. Ira Billman were Charter Member of the newly formed Nebraska Lutheran Synod.



Rev. J. Frederick Kuhlman  
First President of the NE Synod

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 7/1/2021.....	\$2,343,405.46
Principal Payment 7/19/2021.....	\$7,742.63
Interest Payment 7/19/2021.....	\$7,712.37
Balance, 8/1/2021 .....	\$2,335,662.83

## Finances: July, 2021

	July	Year-to-Date
Total General Fund		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 48,556</b>	<b>\$ 529,450</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Christian Education:	\$ -	\$ 781
Facility Costs:	\$ 14,810	\$ 82,635
Staff Compensation:	\$ 55,390	\$ 395,111
Worship & Music:	\$ 891	\$ 9,412
Parish Life:	\$ 195	\$ 1,820
Youth:	\$ 906	\$ 3,840
Office & Administration:	\$ 6,396	\$ 39,042
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 78,587</b>	<b>\$ 553,641</b>

## Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021)

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

### Income:

Donations:	\$ 55,550.87
Memorials	\$ <u>1,020.00</u>
	\$ 56,570.87

### Expenses:

Aldi	\$ -
Costco	\$ -
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$ -
Family Fare	\$ -
Food Bank	\$ -
Other	\$ <u>2,379.86</u>
	\$ -

**Balance** \$ 104,191.01

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

## Property Committee News

The Property Committee met on August 19th, in person for the first time in over a year! Here is a brief summary of the meeting:

- The recent storm exposed serious tuckpointing issues/caulking around windows, particularly on the west side of the church. The offices of Debbie Bogue and Pastor Duminy experienced significant water damage as did Sheri Tipton's apartment. We are getting a bid for repairing this damage.
- There were also the ever-present roof leaks on the church flat roofs. We have a bid from Independent Roofing to make repairs. The good news is that the entire flat roof is intact and does not need to be replaced. Time and materials estimate to inspect and repair not to exceed \$4,500.
- The exterior window frames of the sanctuary are in dire need of scraping and repainting. The work will be done by Traco Incorporated. Cost: \$7,775.
- The A/C unit in the Fellowship Lounge needs a new compressor. Cost: \$2,874.
- At the request of the Worship and Music Committee, we are getting bids for a wooden handrail next to the Lectern and one by the short stairs leading to the Choir Loft.

## 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 July 31<sup>st</sup> we have borrowed a total of **\$949,021** and in July we paid interest on the loan of **\$2,806**. We did receive an extension on our construction loan until December 2021. Until then, we pay interest only.

## Pastoral Acts

(July 16 - August 15)

Baptism:

Cameron Mitchell Adams, August 8, 2021

Funerals:

David A. Penning, August 14, 2021

# Calendar...

# September

**September 1 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**September 2 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**September 3 Friday**

Youth Gathering 2022 Deposit Due

5:00 PM Pantry

**September 4 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**September 5 Sunday**

Pentecost 15

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

**September 6 Monday**

Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

No Pantry

**September 7 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

**September 8 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group

11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**September 9 Thursday**

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**September 10 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**September 11 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**September 12 Sunday**

Pentecost 16

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:10 AM Rally Day/1st Day of Sunday School

12:15 PM Book Group

**September 13 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**September 14 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**September 15 Wednesday**

Good News Deadline

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

**September 16 Thursday**

Council Reports Due

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**September 17 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**September 18 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**September 19 Sunday**

Pentecost 17

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:10 AM Sunday School

10:10 AM Youth Forum

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:15 PM New Member Class

**September 20 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board - A & B Rooms

**September 21 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Congregation Council

**September 22 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

**September 23 Thursday**

1:30 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**September 24 Friday**

5:00 PM Pantry

**September 25 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**September 26 Sunday**

Pentecost 18

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:10 AM Sunday School

10:10 AM Youth Forum

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

12:15 PM New Member Class

**September 27 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**September 28 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Circle 3

**September 29 Wednesday**

Michael & All Angels

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

**September 30 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## Coming in October...

**October 3 Sunday**

Milestone Ordination Anniversary Celebrations! See cover page for more information

Pumpkin Patch Outing

**October 10 Sunday**

How to Use Your Bible Seminar

**October 17 Sunday**

10:15 AM Kountze Memorial, Inc Annual Meeting - See page 6 for more information

First Communion Class



## Birthday Blessings

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

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The church does need to pay its bills, of course, but it doesn't have to take up an offering on Sunday mornings to do that. People can mail in their money or set up an electronic transfer with their bank. The reason we have an offering on Sunday morning is to give people a chance to say "Thank you" to God...or to offer a gift that says, "I love you."

In ancient Israel people would bring sacrifices of wheat or animals to the altar. They didn't do this because the temple or tabernacle needed their crops or flock—the wheat and the animals were simply consumed in flames. They did it to worship God, to show their gratitude and love by giving up something of value to them.

My Favorite Part of Sunday: Once I figured that out, the offering became my favorite part of the service. I do have a fund transfer set up at my bank, and my pledged monthly support for the church comes from that. And—I still bring something each week to put in the offering plate. I come with a gift of thanks for God in my pocket and wait eagerly through most of the service for that plate to come around. I've told my pastor, If you ever think the service is going to be too long, cut out one of the hymns or cut part of your sermon. But don't you ever cut out the offering! That's what I'm here for! To worship God and to give God a gift because I am so thankful to God for being so good!

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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/  
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live-stream at anytime)

A bulletin is available on our  
website at [https://www.kmlchurch.  
org/bulletin-announcements/](https://www.kmlchurch.org/bulletin-announcements/)

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## 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.