

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Over the past several weeks I have been intrigued by the photos of distance space sent from the James Webb Space Telescope. I am awed by their beauty and fascinated by the realization that the objects shown are billions of light years away. Think of it: the light we are seeing was emitted by those stars 15 billion years ago! How vast is God's creation!

I can hardly imagine that astrophysicists can calculate such distances. And then I remember that the light captured in the photos is not in the range visible to our human eyes. The telescope is designed to detect infrared light. So really, these beautiful "photos" are interpretations of the invisible, rendering the data into images we can see. How amazing is God's gift of intellect that helps scientists explore and understand the universe!

Back here on earth, you may have noticed that our North Parking Lot has been resurfaced. When we sold deFreese Manor to Capitol Realty/House of David, the sale did not include the parking lot. Instead, the Council negotiated an easement with the buyer allowing them to use a portion of the parking lot. In addition, they agreed to resurface and stripe the entire lot at their expense, and to reimburse the church for a portion of the maintenance and snow removal costs.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

We Welcome our Part-time Vicar!

What a blessing it will be for us to experience a Vicar in our midst from September to May of the coming school year. Please read below an introduction from our Vicar. You will note that she will also be serving part-time at Creighton University with their Campus Ministry. An Internship Committee of 6, 3 from Creighton and 3 from Kountze Memorial will be meeting with her monthly and supporting her journey. Please do so as well; take time to introduce yourself, set aside a time to talk with her, let

her know how you see her showing up as a pastor of the church. Pastor Shari will be her supervisor and is open to all conversations about how we might make this a great learning year for both Vicar and KMLC!

Pastor Shari

Hello! I am deeply grateful to soon begin serving the Kountze community as your vicar. Thank you for your generosity in helping form future pastors for the wider church.

It was a pleasure getting to know some of you while serving as chaplain intern with the Healing Gift Clinic and the food pantry during Spring and Summer 2021. The relationships and ministry I experienced there moved our family to worship with you in person or on the live stream since. While finishing my M.Div. coursework at Wartburg Seminary, it's also been a privilege to learn alongside seminarians who've called KMLC home. Kountze is a special place to so many.

Daughter of an immigrant mother and a Lutheran clergyman (ordained now 55 years), I grew up in small northwest Iowa towns and treasure my extended family's roots in rural Wisconsin and northeast Iowa. After graduating from Luther College (Go Norse!), I started professional life doing research and evaluating programs for the ELCA's churchwide office in Chicago. Following graduate studies, I oversaw programs that financed the construction of housing for low-income families in upstate New York and Texas. Wherever our family's path has taken us, our congregation's community engagement has been an important part of my life; helping lead a food pantry operated by thirteen ecumenical congregations in Austin, Texas and helping start a furniture ministry on Long Island profoundly shaped my sense of call to ministry. Since last year I've had the great joy of serving half time as the



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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). 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



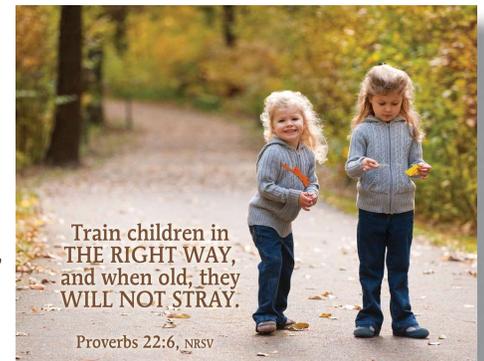
Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

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

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags,

children's bibles, and bulletins are available. We also have a room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.



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 signing up in the Narthex, calling the church office, going online to our giving page, or placing a check in the mail or offering plate marked "flowers, candle, or TV ministry. Please let us know if it is in honor/memory/celebration of someone. Thanks.



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GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM
Join us Sunday Mornings
in the Fellowship Hall.

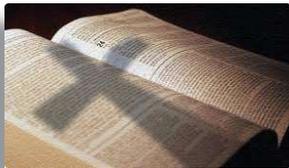
Adult Forum

- August 7: Update on the Stained Glass Windows
- August 14: Congregational Meeting
- August 21: Dag Hammarskjöld: A Life of Public Service and Spiritual Awareness
- August 28: Fellowship

Bible Studies Begin Again!

**Mondays, 6:00 PM or
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM**
Beginning August 15 & 17

Join with others and Pastor Shari in the Fellowship Lounge. We will gather around the Word and explore how the Bible speaks to our lives today. We will try out a few different ways to approach study of the Bible before deciding as a group how to proceed. Looking forward to a weekly journey with you and your Bibles.



Baptism Seminar

**August 28
10:10 AM**

If you are interested in having your child baptized and have not been through a Baptism Seminar before, be sure to 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 you might have. Please call the church office to register.



New Member Class

**September 11 & 18
10:15 - 11:30 AM**



If you are interested in finding out more about Kountze Memorial or would like to join our congregation, please consider attending our next New Member class. Childcare is provided. Please call the church office to register and let us know if you need childcare.

Carol Joy Holling Retreats and Events

UFO's (Unfinished Objects Retreat)

September 18-20, 2022
(extra day option on September 21)

These retreats are for crafters of any kind. Bring your own projects and use this time away to get caught up or do new projects! It's a great time to meet new friends, learn new skills, and be inspired by others' creativity.



Young Adult Road Trip to Arkansas

September 28 - October 2
Young Adults (21-30 years old)
Registration will end on August 18

This Carol Joy Holling road trip is a chance for young adults to come together and explore the beauty of Northern Arkansas. From hiking, to stargazing, to zip-lining, this road trip will be the adventure of a lifetime. You will experience beautiful hiking trails, crystal clear rivers, dark night skies, and rocky overlooks—all while adventuring with friends.



Building Brave Families

Carol Joy Holling Camp
October 22, 2022
9 AM - 4 PM

Today our children feel more worry than ever before—from their own expectations to pressures we as parents are unknowingly placing on them. Children need understanding, help, and hope. You can make a profound difference in their journey to finding all three.

Build community with parents going through similar struggles and support one another while learning and growing together.

You will come out of this retreat feeling not only more confident in your parenting, but also in your ability to help your child discover all of the courage that is already inside of them.

For more information and to register go to <https://www.cjhcenter.org/anxiety>

More Information

You can get more information or register for any of these events and more at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/upcoming-retreats>



SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting personal hygiene items. We appreciate donations of shampoo/conditioner, razors and shave cream, bar soap/body wash, toothbrushes/toothpaste and antiperspirant. Toilet tissue is always welcome! Our guests have limited ability to purchase

these items. Additionally, we are once again reusing plastic grocery bags. Please place your donated items in the box in Fellowship Hall. You will find a sign up notebook outside the kitchen in Meeting Room A of the Fellowship Hall, or you may sign up at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Food Pantry Report (1/1/2022 - 6/30/2022)

Balance, 1/1/2022	\$	50,000.00		
Income:				
		<i>May</i>		<i>June</i>
Donations:	\$	24,427.63	\$	25,899.99
Memorials	\$	1,116.33	\$	4,586.33
	\$	25,543.96	\$	30,486.32
Expenses:				
Aldi	\$	-	\$	-
Costco	\$	8,000.00	\$	\$8,000.00
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	4,074.76	\$	4,074.76
HyVee	\$	120.00	\$	120.00
Dollar Tree	\$	-	\$	-
Family Fare	\$	6,019.51	\$	6,019.51
Food Bank	\$	-	\$	-
Other	\$	683.39	\$	683.39
Balance	\$	56,646.30	\$	61,588.66

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



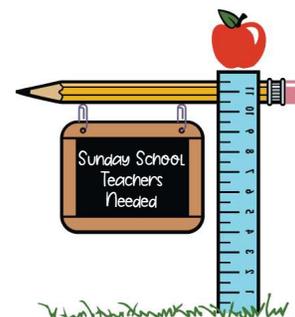
Could you assist once a month on a breakfast crew or bring 2 dozen pastries for the 5th Sunday of the month?



We are also looking for individuals that would be on a list for people to call if they are not able to make it one weekend. Consider how you might help bring back this popular ministry for our congregation. Sign-up is located on the welcome desk.

Volunteers Needed!

The Kountze Sunday School Program is looking for volunteers to teach and assist for the upcoming school year one weekend a month.



We are in need of:

- Preschool volunteers,
- Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers and assistants,
- and 3rd through 6th grade teachers and assistants.

The lesson is prepared and scripted with all activities ready to go for that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org. Your leadership would be greatly appreciated!

God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service Sunday, September 11

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

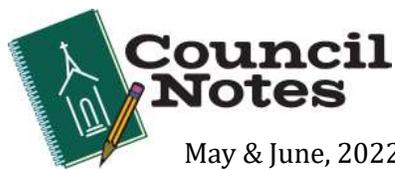
Tri-Faith Center (13136 Faith Plaza, Omaha, NE 68144)

Join us at the Tri-Faith Campus. There will be a time for walking, Food Trucks, live performances, and family-friendly exhibits. Our day of service will focus on learning about our siblings of the Abrahamic Faith.



You can register at walk@trifaith.org. If you are able to give a donation, please do so. Get on your walking shoes to learn and connect with our larger faith community!

NEWS & Notes...



May & June, 2022

May 17, 2022

Previous minutes approved.

Devotions: Ann Miller

Committee Reports were accepted as emailed with the following additions:

Treasurer's Report (Tim Backora): KMLC pledged \$75,000 to the synod this year. (Last year our pledge was \$50,000). We will begin making monthly payments of \$9,000 to the Synod in fulfillment of our pledge, beginning in June, 2022. Motion to approve Treasure's Report was unanimous.

Staff Reports: A verbal reminder was made regarding Adam Klinker's ordination event to be held Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Property: (Kate): Stained glass windows projected to be completed and installed by mid-November.

Personnel Committee (Mike J): A meeting will be planned to discuss positions that need to be filled, specifically, nursery manager and night watchperson. Also, there will be a motion to extend Pastor Steve's agreement as interim pastor another six months.

deFreeze Manor: Updates and continued discussion regarding parking easements, maintenance, and billing. Continued discussion regarding an advisory council to be set up in six months.

Food Pantry: As of Monday, May 16, 2022 the pantry went back to the original style of operation with pantry guests shopping for their own goods. This went well, and, as a bonus, lessened the lifting burden for volunteers.

COVID Task Force: there will be another meeting in the next two weeks due to rising numbers.

Old Business:

Kountze Commons 501(c)(3) update: Council discussed the possibility of an Executive Director, length of potential contract, salary, and what we envision the various duties and responsibilities to be in the future. Two action items were placed on the agenda for next council meeting: 1) to approve allowing the new entity to use the name/DBA: Kountze Commons and 2) to determine Council's intent to approve the Executive Director position for a term of three years with Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church being responsible for half of the salary during the contracted term of employment.

Ministry Site Profile: Steve, Mike, and Kate will continue to work on the MSP and have drafts to the Council for review at June's meeting.

New Business:

Pastor Griffith, Ann Miller, and Pastor Shari presented a new stewardship program for council's consideration (promoted/sponsored by the synod) called. It was discussed and generally agreed to be a good idea. A question was raised regarding payment. The program asks for each congregation to "tithe 10% of its increase to the synod" however, it was unclear whether that 10% was of an increase in pledges or of overall revenue generated from the program. Mike Jensen made the following motion which was seconded: Move the Council to approve the program subject to 10% increase of tithing amounts related to revenue increase, and not solely pledge increases. The motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary discussions on priorities for proceeds of deFreeze Manor sale - was tabled until June council meeting.

Concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 8:23 PM.

June 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Pastor Griffith. The consent agenda was adopted with an addition in Old Business - Regarding Kountze Commons 501(c)(3): Approval is needed to allow the new entity to use the name DBA Kountze Commons.

Devotions were led by Steve Urlaub.

May 17 Council Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's report: Tim was absent but sent a brief note that expenses were greater than income for May by \$4,224.28 and the YTD net income is \$276.34. For summer months the general fund tends to run less so going forward we probably will be on the negative side for net income for the upcoming months.

Staff reports were accepted as emailed. Pastor Steve omitted Kate Jones name from the list of delegates to the Synod Assembly and will correct that error. Pastor Scott Johnson was elected Bishop at the assembly and will be invited to preach at Kountze. Pastor Duminy noted that she omitted the agreement with Wartburg Seminary regarding our intern and sent it separately to council members.

Committee Reports were accepted as emailed with following additions:

Christian Education: Will meet July 17. VBS with Morning Star Lutheran was very successful.

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Congregational Activities: Need volunteers for Neighborhood Picnic Sunday June 26.

Outreach: 11 new members attended the class June 12 and will be received on June 26.

Stewardship: Working on the class “Building a Culture of Generosity”.

Worship & Music: There will be a training for the Order of St. John June 23.

Board Reports: Accepted as mailed with the additions below:

Pantry: The new model is working well but there is little food available from the Food Bank and we will need to purchase more in the future.

Refugee Resettlement: The Afghan family’s father has two job offers but no transportation to get to those plants. Either volunteer transportation or moving the family close to public transportation are being considered.

deFreese Manor: The proceeds from the sale of the Manor have been invested in a 6 month treasury note since depositing them in a bank would exceed the FDIC insurance limits. Cash to pay final expenses were reserved in the checking account.

KETV Board: Paul Sum tendered his resignation from the board.

Covid Task Force: No change in our current procedures necessary at the present time.

Retreat Followup: Pastor Hall is working with 3 possible leaders. The retreat may be held at Kountze since most off-site locations are already booked for our dates.

Old Business:

Kountze Commons 501(c)(3): Council was asked to reaffirm commitment to concept of new 501(c)(3).

1. Reaffirm commitment to fund 50% of Executive Director compensation for 3 years (up to \$40,000/year).
2. Affirm the ability of the new entity to do business as Kountze Commons.

After discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve all three commitments as a block. The motion was approved.

The Ministry Site Profile is still in progress but close to being finished. It will then be forwarded to the Bishop.

New Business:

Nominating Committee will include Ashley Sum, Robin Perkins, and Jane Ross as Council members whose terms expire in August. Congregational names were suggested for the other members and Pastor Steve will invite those people. The nominations for Council and board candidates will need to be completed in order to be shared at the July meeting.

Executive Session: The staff members left and the council in executive session voted unanimously to extend the contract as negotiated with Pastor Steve for a further six months until December, 2022.

Executive Committee meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 PM (Zoom)

Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 19 - 6:00 PM

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday August 14, 10:15 AM

New Council Retreat: August 26-27 location TBD
We closed with Lord’s Prayer at 7:50 PM

Neighborhood Gathering:

The 2022 Neighborhood gathering was held Sunday June 26. The weather was incredible and was a great day of fun, fellowship, and hospitality. This year’s event was a little scaled back as we didn’t know what to expect coming out of the pandemic. We’ll be back bigger and better next year with your continued support and help.



Kountze History from the



Sons and Daughters of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

A memorial donation to the Archives was used to purchase a plaque honoring the 28 sons and daughters of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The plaque will be displayed on the History Wall located in the hallway by the children's nursery.

Over a year was spent verifying that all of the 28 listed with dates of ordination or appointments were correct. Pastor Hall assisted in this effort. It should be noted that more than one church may claim someone as a son or daughter. Normally it would include where they were baptized, confirmed, or attending when deciding to become a seminarian.

Kountze currently has three seminarians; Katie Larson, Justin Perkins, and Giselle Loucks who will hopefully be added to this plaque.



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.

Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound

After the 11:00 AM service on Sundays, donated altar flower bouquets are taken to hospitalized members,



In the Hospital

nursing homes or care centers. This is a great way to brighten someone's day and to grow friendships!

Contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or via email at info@kmlchurch.org if you are interested in volunteering.

KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, August 14

12:15 PM

Olive, Again by Elizabeth



This novel starts shortly after Strout's Pulitzer winning book, *Olive Kitteridge* ends. The Sequel, *Olive, Again*, begins with aging, feisty, big, brusque, sensitive, surprising, Olive connecting with Jack Kennison, a 74-year-old retired man who recently lost his wife and is lonely. Jack and Olive have loneliness after the loss of their spouses and alienation from an only child in common. The novel is a collection of 13 intertwined short stories in which Olive comes to understand herself as well as those around her and is able to show kindness. The

novel reminds us "that empathy, a requirement for love, helps make life 'not unhappy'."

The book is set in Maine and is a wonderful story that will make you laugh, cry, and fall in love with Olive.

Help Wanted – Night Manager

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Night Manager. The individual would live on site in the Church apartment and be responsible for the Kountze Campus afterhours and when the facility is closed for inclement weather. Some light janitorial duties, opening and closing the building for worship services and special functions, verifying doors are locked etc. Please call or stop by the church office to request a complete job description and submit an application and resume. Applications are due into the church office by August 21, 2022.



Scholarships

Our Scholarship Program makes funds available to any active member of Kountze Memorial who is a student attending any post secondary college or seminary. To be eligible, the student or the student's parent/guardian, must be an actively communing and contributing member of Kountze Memorial as evident in their worship life.

Applications for this scholarship can be found on our website.

Scholarship applications for 2022/23 are due August 15 and will not be accepted after that date.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!



August 20 and 21

All students, teachers, professors, and school support staff are encouraged to bring their school bags to church for the Blessing of the Backpacks so the congregation of Kountze can surround you with prayer and

blessings for an enriching, productive, and safe school year.

In addition, we will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for school-aged guests of the Kountze Pantry. Donation boxes will be located at the welcome desk in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring any donations by August 21. Following the 9:00 AM service on the 21st, the youth of Kountze will be assembling these supplies to give out at the Pantry the following day. Meet in the link to put bags together while enjoying fellowship and a special treat.



Back to School Celebration

August 28

10:10 AM (following the 9:00 AM service)

The youth of Kountze and their families are invited to a Back-to-School Celebration, hosted by the Christian Education Committee. Join us in the Green Space for games, snacks, fellowship, and fun. We encourage you to bring a friend to this event. The more, the merrier! Let's show others just how great our Kountze Sunday School community is.

Get Registered for Sunday School



Sunday School begins September 11, but you can get registered now. Sign up online by going to <https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/SundaySchoolRegistration>. Links to registration will also be on the KMLC Parent and Friends Facebook Group. You can also stop into the Sunday

School office to register your child there. All children, ages infant through 12th grade, should register for the 2022/23 Sunday School Year.

Save the Date!

September 11, 2022, is Rally Sunday! Let's start the Sunday School year off with a blessing, parade to the Upper Rooms, getting to know you games with teachers and students, treats, and other fun activities. We are looking forward to a year full of learning and fellowship, service work and fun. Contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org with any questions about the Sunday School program.

In addition to being Rally Sunday and the first day of Sunday School, September 11 is also God's Work/Our Hands. Please join us at the Tri-Faith Center (see page 4).



A Gathering for 5th and 6th Graders

Sunday, August 21

10:10 AM

All are welcome to join us in the Youth Center between worship times! This will be a time to learn more about each other, play some games, have devotions, and share in prayer. We hope to see you!

7th - 12th Grade Youth

Sunday, August 14

10:10 to 10:50 AM

Join us for a time to gather. Bring your calendars and talk with your parents about your schedule for the fall. Many ideas have come forward and we want to get things scheduled for the first half of the school year. A time to share summer best and summer bummers with prayer will close our time. See you on the 14th!

Confirmation Program

Orientation - Wednesday, August 24

6:00 PM

The Kountze Confirmation program is for 7th and 8th graders. A time to begin to affirm their baptismal faith will begin in



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person on Wednesday, September 7, 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 week break on November 23 and December 28 and will finish our year of study on April 12.

Parents and students are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 24 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 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/>

Please reach out to Pastor Shari Duminy with any questions or concerns.



Upcoming Youth Events

- Elementary Explore at Camp Carol Joy Holling on October 15, 2022
- Middle School Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling on November 11-13, 2022
- NE Syond LYON Assembly (9-12 graders) on November 18-20, 2022.
- NE Synod Middle School Gathering (6-8 graders) January 14-15, 2023.
- High School Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling on January 20-21, 2023

Stained Glass Window Update:

We anticipate the work on re-installing the windows to begin late September/early October. The crew will work two weeks take a break for a week then work two weeks.

Tim Holland recently visited the plant; our windows are complete and are packed in shipping crates. The frame bending machine has been programmed. The template that they will use as a guide is complete.

We'll have a more complete update on the windows presented by Paul Sum, Tim Holland, and Jim Smejkal at the Adult Forum on August 7. Please join us. There will also be information on display in the Fellowship Hall beginning that weekend.



Protestant Chaplain with Creighton Campus Ministry. That continuing work will constitute half of my seminary internship, while serving half-time as your vicar.

Sacha — my dear spouse of 26 years — recently began serving at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. This year will be an adventure of periodic travel to see one another, while parenting our two children from afar — Eleanor, a fifth-year Music Education student at Indiana University-Bloomington, and Eli, a first-year Cello Performance student at Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio (God bless FaceTime!). For me, Sabbath time is a chance to hop in the kayak, play piano, write a little music, dig in the garden, or watch the Golden State Warriors — all with dark chocolate close at hand.

I look forward to getting to know each of you, learning from you, and serving in ways that support Kountze's life of love for God in Christ and whole-hearted care for our neighbors. Thank you for the privilege of it all.

With gratitude,
Gretchen

August Men's Lunch

Thursday August 18

11:30 AM

Fellowship Lounge

Kountze's version of "How's That Made"

Cost is \$10.00



Did you ever wonder what it takes to outfit a new police car, ambulance, or firetruck? Join us and Ron Brown will share with us just what it takes to outfit new emergency vehicles with the latest in technology. Gone are the days that they just put a magnetic flashing light on top and plugged it into the cigarette lighter.

Please call the church office or use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to register by Tuesday August 16.

CALENDAR, cont'd...



August 1 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

August 2 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 3 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship

August 4 Thursday
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

August 5 Friday
5:00 PM Pantry

August 6 Saturday
Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Worship

August 7 Sunday
Pentecost 9
Homebound Communion
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Adult Forum

August 8 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

August 9 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 10 Wednesday
9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Executive Committee

August 11 Thursday
Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

August 12 Friday
5:00 PM Pantry

August 13 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship

August 14 Sunday
Pentecost 10
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Youth Forum (7th - 12th gr)
10:10 AM Congregational Meeting
12:15 PM Book Group

August 15 Monday
Good News Deadline
Scholarship Deadline
10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study

August 16 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council

August 17 Wednesday
11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship

August 18 Thursday
11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5

August 19 Friday
5:00 PM Pantry

August 20 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship
Blessing of Backpacks

August 21 Sunday
Pentecost 11
Blessing of Backpacks
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM 5th & 6th grade Gathering
10:10 AM Adult Forum

August 22 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study

August 23 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3

August 24 Wednesday
11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation
Wedding Rehearsal

August 25 Thursday
1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
Wedding

August 26 Friday
Aug 26 - Aug 27 Council Retreat
5:00 PM Pantry

August 27 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship

August 28 Sunday
Pentecost 12
Back to School Celebration
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Baptism Seminar

August 29 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study

August 30 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 31 Wednesday
11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship

Looking Ahead



September 5 Monday
Labor Day
Office Closed & No Pantry

September 7 Wednesday
6:00 PM Confirmation Meal & Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

September 11 Sunday
God's Work Our Hands
Rally Sunday

September 11 & 18 Sundays
10:15 PM New Member Classes

September 15 Thursday
11:30 AM Men's Lunch

September 24 Saturday
NE Synod Bishop Installation in Kearney

September 25 Sunday
12:00 PM Church Picnic



1. Joe Councill
2. Kimberly Brunk, Jim Hansen, Scott Henneman, Susan Hinrichs, 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, Bev 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, Deb 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, Bill McKeeman
13. Vonn Milks, Kimberly Nelson, Vickie Soukup, Duane Henneman
14. Jennifer Bunge, Rachel Thokala, William Tunzer
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
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
25. Kelly Hinrichs, Anthony Bonacci
26. Stephanie Christensen, Margaret Grabow, Chris Link, Sue Toelle
27. Laura Gardner
28. Katherine Allyn, James Anderson, Maisy Fletcher, Gloria Ruesch
29. Lydia Baum, Taylor Dixon, Diane Jones, Jodi Winther
30. Larry Allison
31. Colleen Lenners, William Poulsen, Ken Wise

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance 5/1.....	\$2,125,753.76	6/1.....	\$2,119,277.48
Principal Payment 6/1.....	\$6,476.28	7/1.....	\$6,721.18
Interest Payment 6/1.....	\$6,994.65	7/1.....	6,749.75
Balance 6/1.....	\$2,119,277.48	7/1.....	\$2,112,556.30

Finances: May & June, 2022

	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund			
Income:	\$ 52,880	\$ 65,874	\$ 446,539
Expenses:			
Mission Support	\$ 9,375	\$ 9,375	\$ 18,750
Christian Education:	\$ 87	\$ 413	\$ 1,877
Facility Costs:	\$ 9,206	\$ 10,568	\$ 74,594
Staff Compensation:	\$ 48,852	\$ 48,691	\$ 299,336
Worship & Music:	\$ 1,866	\$ 3,087	\$ 16,019
Parish Life:	\$ 1,561	\$ 3,612	\$ 13,714
Youth:	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 906
Office & Administration:	\$ 5,262	\$ 7,236	\$ 40,099
Total Expenses:	\$ 76,209	\$ 83,092	\$ 465,295

Pastoral Acts

(May 16 - July 15)

Baptisms:

Autumn Joyette Laudenback
June 11, 2022

Weddings:

Alan King, Laura Arndt
June 11, 2022
Aaron Ray, Rae Johnson
June 25, 2022

Funerals:

Kimberly K. Samuels, May 16, 2022
Dorothy Cross, June 6, 2022
Velma Vivian Wolf, June 17, 2022
Sandra Lee Johnsen, June 24, 2022

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Stephen Griffith, Transition Sr. Pastor
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H. Ashley Hall, Associate Pastor

Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

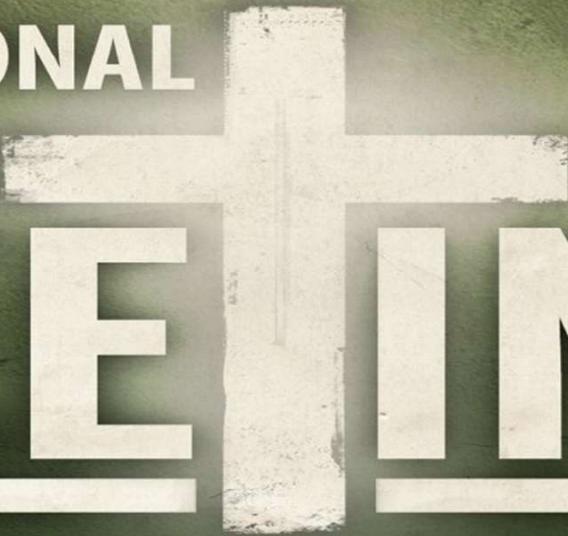
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

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

CONGREGATIONAL

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Sunday, August 14 | 10:15 AM | Fellowship Hall

Election of Council Members