

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, friends.

We are beginning our second year together. It's hard for me to believe it! And I have celebrated my 70th birthday. That's even more mind boggling! We will soon gather for our Annual Meeting. (I think I know somewhat better what I'm doing this time) We've been through a lot together already, and I'm glad to be spending these months with you!

Later this month we will begin our observance of Lent. I hope you'll join us for Lenten lunches and suppers every week starting with Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate eucharist at 12:15 each Wednesday and gather for vespers at 6:30 PM.

We have chosen for our theme this Lent, "Unfinished." On Wednesdays our focus will be how the story of Jonah can inform our lives. God calls us and leads us. Sometimes God takes us on risky ventures, guides us to strange places, and invites us to confront things within us that keep us from seeing ourselves and others as God sees us. When we find ourselves somewhere between trust and doubt, courage and fear, anger and empathy, God comes to us and we are not alone.

On Sundays, as we read from the lectionary we will continue to explore what Nancy Levin calls "*the space between no longer and not yet.*" As Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox puts it, this is "*the space between no longer pre-pandemic life and not yet what will settle into post-pandemic life. The space between before and after a medical diagnosis, before and after living with a loss, before and after navigating a relationship changes, a job change, a move. The space between childhood and adulthood, young adulthood and midlife, midlife and the autumn years. The space between yesterday and tomorrow, your comfort zone and uncharted territory.*" For us here at Kountze, that also includes the space between saying farewell to one pastor and calling the next.

This is the journey of Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, between "no longer" and "not yet." Our Sunday readings focus on being called by God – to renewal, to openness, to attentiveness, to regret, to Resurrection.

I hope you will join with me on this journey.
Pastor Steve



Kountze Endowment and Congregation Receive Major Gifts

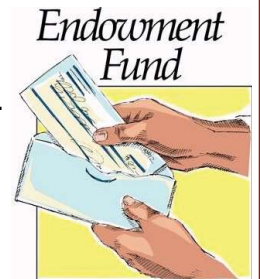
The Kountze Endowment is the recipient of a bequest from the estates of long-time members, Joe and Elaine Bonfante. While living modestly over many years they grew a sizable estate, of which they left one-half to Kountze. The Endowment Fund will receive the bulk of this; more than \$1.6 million has been transferred so far. The Church itself also will receive a generous gift, estimated to be in excess of \$100,000. Our KMLC family gives thanks to our Lord for these, His faithful servants.

We are very grateful for this generous legacy. However, it is important to note that all gifts and bequests are equally appreciated -- regardless of amount.

How Bequests to the Endowment Fund Work

Bequests and other contributions to the Endowment Fund are primarily invested on behalf of the congregation. Of these invested funds, four percent each year can be used for grants for certain limited purposes to extend and enhance the mission outreach of Kountze Memorial. As the value of the Endowment Fund increases over time through bequests, contributions, and investments, the amount available for distribution also increases. In recent years, the Endowment Fund has made significant grants for stained glass windows, roof, and other church building renovations; the Pantry; the Clinic; the television ministry; and support of our Church-sponsored missionaries; as well as a few outside missions, such as Camp Carol Jo Holling, Table Grace, and Together.

Funds specifically given to the Church (and not the Endowment Fund) are usually not so limited, and the Congregational Council determines the use of these funds.



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



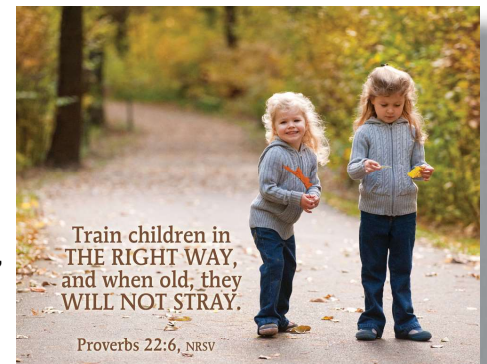
Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

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.

- February 5: Presentation of 2023 Congregational Budget
- February 12: Annual Meeting
- February 19: Lenten Preview
- February 26: Music of the Lutheran Tradition

Open My Heart, Lord

A Women's Pre-Lenten Retreat

Exploring Spiritual Practices:

- Relational Prayer** with Vicar Gretchen Olson Kopp
- Zentangle** with Diane Harpster of dianeharpsterart.com
- Body Prayer** with Emily Wageman

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

(enter west office door on Farnam or handicap entrance from west parking lot, by orange tower)

Saturday, February 18 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cost is \$10 day of the retreat

Salad Luncheon provided

Supplies for all Spiritual Practices provided

Childcare can be provided as requested

Diane Harpster Art will be able to purchase during the event.

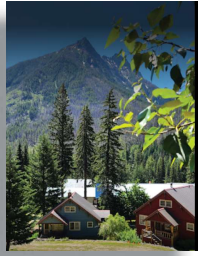
Join us as we spend time learning new faith practices that can be continued through the Season of Lent, as we take time to share our faith journeys as women of the church.

Please register by Wednesday, February 8 to the church office, sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk, or email info@kmlchurch.org - Name, email, or phone number (only used to notify of event changes), and if you need child care.

Holden Village, 2023

July 22 - 30, 2023

We are excited to announce that a group of 28 people from Kountze Memorial and St. Timothy will travel to Holden Village this summer. As we continue to make plans, please hold us in prayer. We are awaiting the confirmation of our group. Then we will buy our plane, bus, and boat tickets. There will also be a couple groups driving. A few nights of hotel rooms will be reserved and then gathering for a few meetings of preparations, expectations, group building, and answering questions. Looking forward to sharing our experience with you. Grateful to all who considered this journey and excited for all those who were able to say, yes.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12 | 10:15 AM | Fellowship Hall
Annual Report and 2023 Budget

OMAHA LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS

Trivia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
7:00 PM

LOCAL Beer, Patio, and Kitchen
17305 Davenport St at Village Point
Come be a part of an OLYA trivia team in this social outing!

Table Theology

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:00 PM

Beacon Hills
6750 Mercy Road in Aksarben
Reservation under Greta

Join us for Table Theology, a gathering of young people from across Omaha, for dinner and discussion.

RSVP or learn more by contacting us:
361-571-7636 (Greta)
[@omahalutheranyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/omahalutheranyoungadults)
OmahaLutheranYoungAdultsenelcm.com

come grow with us!

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



We are collecting gloves, especially adult men's gloves. We never seem to have enough! We also would appreciate peanut butter and canned (not jars) pasta sauce as these two items are difficult to purchase in quantity.

We are always looking for volunteers as well. We

especially could use young, strong people to help with the heavy lifting. The Kountze Food Pantry is open on Monday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, but volunteers arrive at 7:30 AM to prepare and unload trucks. We are open on Friday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with volunteers arriving at 4:00 PM. If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer, please sign up at the link below:

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

Nursery Volunteers Needed



The KMLC Nursery is open every Sunday from 8:45 AM until 12:00 PM as well as other Occasional Special Church Services.

We need volunteers to assist as we are required to have two people in the nursery to remain open. High schoolers or other adults are encouraged to email Nursery@kmlchurch.org or reach out to Shannon Picha personally if interested in assisting.

10th Annual Heart of Camp Gala Faith: Alive!

April 1

A View, West Shores in Waterloo, NE

Let us sponsor a Kountze Memorial table as we enjoy an evening together and learn about the ways Carol Joy Holling Camp provides opportunities to campers no matter where they are in life. We will join in the mission: All are welcome here, in these places where we live out faith in ways that show everyone they belong and are unconditionally loved by God. The cost is \$250 per couple or \$125 an individual. Register with shari@kmlchurch.org Please RSVP by the March 10th deadline.



Join One of Our Kountze Café Teams!

There are still opportunities to join the breakfast crew. We need the following:

2nd Sunday - Continental Breakfast

- 2 people to set up from 8:00-9:00 AM
- 3 people to clean up from 10:45 – 11:30 AM

3rd Sunday of the month

- kitchen help from 8:00 – 11:30 AM

4th Sunday of the month

- someone(s) to make French Toast Bake on **Saturday**

Families are welcome to serve together. Thank you for considering how you might be a part of this ministry and then let Pastor Shari know how you are able to serve.

Kountze Café

Serving on Sundays from
9:30–11:00 AM

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger for the hot breakfast and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast.



February Service Project

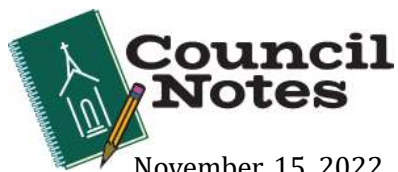
Sunday, February 5

10:10 AM (during Sunday School)

The Sunday School children will be making Valentine's Day cards for the residents of deFreese manor as the February Service project. Come creative and ready to brighten the day of our neighbors!



NEWS & Notes...



November, 15, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Pastor Steve Griffith. Tina Broekemeier led a devotional. Motion and adoption of the meeting agenda by a voice vote.

Moved and seconded to adopt minutes of previous meeting.

Financial Report by Tim Backora. Current budget passed is greater than pledge cards for FY 2022. FY 2023 Budget process starting soon, rough draft by next meeting; not required by 1/1/2023. Explanation of COVID refund (no update on when that should arrive): tax credit given to organizations who paid personnel during a certain time period of the COVID-19 pandemic; titled "Employee Retention Tax Credit."

Pastor Hall briefly described the script for TV ministry.

Personnel Committee update: Louis Flake hired as night manager. No official start date/move-in date as of yet.

Endowment: Capital repairs to the building have been approved. Questions/discussion regarding interpretation of Endowment Bylaws.

deFreese Manor Board (Mike Jensen): New owners are aware of the board's existence.

Food Pantry: Need volunteers for Stuff the Bus. Fork Lift made available to Kountze.

Internship Committee (Jacob Rump): The committee met and decided on some sections of Vicar Gretchen's midterm evaluation.

Outreach Ministry (Tina Broekemeier): Need to set meeting date.

Property Committee (Mike Jensen): Construction of

windows with Ronco and Bovard is going forward as planned. The East window is set to be replaced after Easter, and the South window is set to be replaced in January. It will be necessary to rent parking from city on the South side of the building while this construction takes place.

Youth Committee (Pastor Shari, Madeline O'Kane): Upcoming lock-ins, working on finding additional committee members.

Endowment: Funds: \$39,000 available for use this year. Consideration of use for paying down loans on windows?

Old Business: Pastor Duminy discussed the membership and stewardship audits. Written report available, of note: number of households is 433. The goal for pledges is to increase the number of pledges by 20%. Councilmembers handed in their intent cards, prior to this Sunday when the congregation will give their intent cards. Per Ann Miller of the Call Committee, they held mock interviews, and had good dialogue surrounding differences in opinions. Under Bishop Scott, laypersons can take suggestions of potential Pastors to our Pastor to be sought out by the Synod. More discussion of the use of deFreese Manor sales. Bruce Nissen discussed it with 22 people in the congregation, and overwhelmingly people felt it should be used for the MIF loan debt.

New Business: Motion to hold the next Annual Meeting on February 12, 2023. Seconded and adopted. Discussion of use of Al Schewe memorial gift funds of \$25,000. Request for Council to submit \$39,000 request to the Endowment for use toward window repair (MIF) loan. Moved, seconded, adopted. Discussion of hosting an intern for 2023-2024; do we have capability given budget issues?

Council Workshop to be rescheduled.

Movement into an Executive Session. Moved, seconded, and approved. Pastoral staff excused. Motion and approval to adjourn the meeting by a voice vote.



Lenten meals begin on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Maundy Thursday. Take a night (or noon) off from cooking and bring your family, invite your friends and eat at Kountze Memorial before attending our midweek Lenten Worship Services (see Pr. Steve's column on page 1). A menu will be posted the week before so you know what is being served. Come and eat!

If you would like to help prepare/serve one or two or all of the lunches/dinners, please talk to Jim Smejkal (jim@kmlchurch.org) or Marlys Duin. We need help at lunch (served at 11:00 AM) and dinner (served at 5:00 PM) with preparation, serving, and clean-up. Besides helping to serve meals, working in the kitchen is a great way to get to know some other church members in a way that you can't on Sunday mornings - unless you're helping with breakfast (they can use your help too if you're interested). Please consider helping with Lenten meals this year as you are able.



Continuation of stories from the Archive Committee Interviews of Kountze members in 2010

Chet Worm, Kountze Archive Committee Chairman

- **HARRY JEPSEN - Interview May 5, 2010.** (90+ member of Kountze) Harry worked in the auto body repair business all his life. He owned his own business and taught auto body repair at Metro-Tech. He started going to Kountze with his mother and was baptized there by Pastor Baltzly. His mother liked Kountze because of the good sermons and the good choir. His mother was a singer and had been paid to sing at church in the old country. He said to get to Kountze they had to walk part way, take a streetcar and transfer once. Harry was a scout leader when his son Ron was in Kountze Troop 56. He said the Troop was one of the biggest and best in the city since it was combined with St. Peter's Catholic Church. He said they always needed more tents. Once a month the boys would perform skits on the stage in Fellowship Hall and Pastor Traub liked them so much he would always stop what he was doing and come and watch. After attending so many of the boy's skits he said he would perform a skit. It was entitled "Don't Give False Witness." Rev. Traub said that when he was called to give a sermon at Kountze in 1931, he and his wife Ruth arrived from York, Pennsylvania on a Saturday and were picked up by Associate pastor Hugh Yost and members of the church council. After dinner at Pastor Yost's home they were given an upstairs bedroom to stay over night. As the council members were leaving the house they looked at the upstairs bedroom window and saw Pastor Traub chasing his screaming wife around the room with a broom. On Sunday the congregation really liked Pastor Traub's sermon but rumors were flying through the church that he and his wife were having marital problems. Before they voted on whether to hire him as Senior Pastor he explained that when they turned on the bedroom light, a bat was flying around the ceiling and he was trying to chase it out the window with a broom. Every Scout skit, although funny, usually had a life's lesson. In this case, "Don't Bear False Witness." Harry ended his interview saying Pastor Dee Dee Lundahl was one of his favorite pastors. He said losing his wife was the biggest sadness in his life and that counseling in Dee Dee's grief sessions taught him God is always with you. Harry became a Kountze Saint at the age of 93 years, 11 months on February 11, 2013.
- **PAULINE BRAGER- Interview May 3, 2010** (68 year member of Kountze) Pauline said that Margaret Fischer was the first women to serve on the Kountze church council. Prior to that it had been strictly a man's job. When her two terms were up and she couldn't run again, she asked Pauline to run. She said she was the second women to serve on the council. Pauline said in 1970 she was asked by Pastor deFreese to start the Lenten Dinners. He said the working people needed a place to get dinner before going to the Lenten Services so he asked her to get the women to help her make some sandwiches before the services. The next week he said he thought it went so well that they ought to serve something more substantial. She said, "you mean like a casserole" and he said no, more like roast beef and potatoes. That was the start of dinners that no other church in Omaha was doing. They got so big that one time they served 940 dinners and "I said when it reaches 1,000 I'm out the door." That was likely, when she retired in 1983, she turned the job over to her long time helpers Louise and Don Vanzago. Pauline said many of the workers were sad to see the Lenten season end because they were having so much fun working together. Pauline became a Kountze Saint at the age of 99 years, 9 months on October 20, 2018.
- **WALTER SWANSON -Interview October 14, 2010** (70+ member of Kountze) Walt was baptized by Pastor Traub at the Kountze Sunday School Mission Church at 60th and Walnut Streets in 1931. It then was a basement church, built in 1926, that later became St. Matthews Church. He was confirmed at Kountze in 1936 and was married to Bessie Anderson by Pastor Traub at Kountze on August 25, 1945. He said that Pastor Traub would pick up the kids at the Mission Church on Saturday mornings and take them to Kountze for confirmation classes. On the way he would stop at the White Castle and buy them 25-cent hamburgers. Walt started going to Kountze Church full time when his family moved to 27th Davenport Street in 1938. Walt probably holds the record for bringing new members to Kountze Church. He gave the Archive Committee a list of 51 members from his and his wife's family, neighbors, and friends. Walt said, "that whatever you give to the church you get back three-fold." Walt became a Kountze Saint at the age of 86 years, 6 months on March 31, 2013.
- **Raiden Nelson** - Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded by Rev. Henry Welty Kuhns on December 5, 1858 with 14 Charter Members. The first church building was dedicated in February of 1862 and was located on the north side of Douglas Street between 12th and 13th Streets. That building was sold to the developers of the Milliard

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

Sign up with SignUp Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DA5A628ABF58-altar>), contact the church office at 402-341-7761, or via email at info@kmlchurch.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Your help is appreciated!

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.

Pastoral Acts

(December 16 - January 15)

Weddings:

Conner Koerperich &
Christin Williamsen,
January 14, 2023

Funerals:

Rev. Bob Johnson,
December 30, 2022

KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, February 12

12:15 PM

Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley



Jane Smiley is a Pulitzer Prize winning author who has written a large number of fiction, nonfiction, and young adult books. She owns horses and rides 5-6 days per week. This novel is based on a race horse, Paras, short for Perestroika.

This book comes at a good time after our intense January saga of Winston Churchill and, at the end of a difficult year. Paras is a racehorse from a racetrack west of Paris. She finds her stall open one day and decides to wander off to explore the city of Paris. She meets a German shorthaired pointer named Frida, an opinionated raven, and two mallard ducks, Sid and Nancy, and explores the city with her new friends. Then, she meets Etienne, a young boy who lives with his one-hundred-year-old great-grandmother and Paras discovers a new part of the city of Light.

This light hearted, fun, charming book takes the reader away from the current problems and is a feel good book.

Note: The book group will select reads for next year in March. Suggestions are welcome as well as new members. Contact Myrna Esluer if you are interested.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, February 16

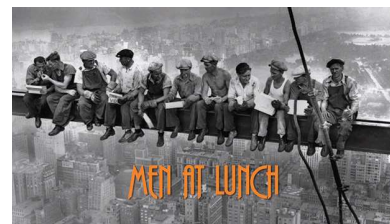
11:30 AM

Fellowship Lounge

Suggested Donation is \$10.00

RSVP by Tuesday, February 14

Watch the bulletin and e-news for more information.



Pantry "Souper" Bowl

The Kountze Women of the ELCA are collecting soup and peanut butter from now through Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. There is a large bin in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!



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Hotel in 1881. When the second church building was built at 16th and Harney Street Augustus Kountze matched members donations to the building fund and the congregation voted in 1882 to rename Emanuel's to Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

- **The Rev. Wyley A. Lipe** was the third senior pastor serving at Emanuel's Church from 1873 to 1880 during the period of the Carrie May Balbasch baptism on April 1880.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!



We begin learning about Jesus' journey to the cross two weeks before the Lenten season starts as we will be doing the stations of the cross on Palm Sunday and there

will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday. This gives the children the opportunity to hear the story of Jesus, his life, and the journey towards the cross in its entirety.

In addition to hearing the lesson and reading the corresponding Bible story, the students will complete an activity to reinforce the lesson of the day.

Children's Choir

Second Floor Music Room

Sundays, 9:15 AM

(after the 9 AM Children's Blessing)

Grades K-5 - Choir

Grades 6-8 - Director's Assistants

The choir will rehearse immediately after the children's blessing at the 9:00 AM service (9:15 AM). If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 402-341-7761.



Confirmation Program

7th & 8th graders

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 PM

7th & 8th graders meet each Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Lounge.



- Feb. 1 Wrapping up the Creeds/Prep for Confirmation Day
- Feb. 8 An element of Discipleship: Community, with Vicar Gretchen
- Feb. 15 Game Night
- Feb. 22 Meal and Ash Wednesday Service

Youth Forum

7th - 12th graders meet each Sunday from 10:10 to 10:50 AM in the Youth Room. Join us for this time of community, learning and serving.

- Feb. 5 Time with Vicar Gretchen
- Feb. 12 Annual Meeting
- Feb. 19 Bible Study
- Feb. 22 Fun and games



Bowling Down Barriers

Faith Formation Adventure

Sunday, February 19

2:45 - 5:00 PM

Grades 4 - 6

Maplewood Lanes

3030 N 101st St, Omaha

Cost is \$20 (Includes Pizza

and bowling shoes - pay at the door)

Call the church office or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org to register no later than Sunday, February 12.



Bowling Down Barriers

Middle School Lock-in

Carol Joy Holling Camp

March 10-11

Grades 6-8

Explore the theme of (un)Equal

8:00 PM on Friday to

8:00 AM on Saturday

Cost is \$35.00 per Camper

This lock-in provides the youth with the opportunity to begin diving into God's grace and growing in faith. Youth that are just wishing to spend time with friends, learn more about God, and have a fun time, will also find a meaningful message at this lock-in and an experience they can take with them for the rest of their lives. Rotations may include team-building games, creative arts, camp games, and night hikes. Register at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/lock-in>



Journey to Denver - NE Synod Youth Trip

July 10-15, 2023

Grades 8-12

Youth are encouraged and invited to join the group already registered for this summer trip. You can register until February 25 for \$500.00.

Our home base will be at Colorado Christian University, with lodging offered in suite style dorm rooms. Each day we will be doing service projects, sharing in community building activities, bible study and worship.

Mark your calendars and plan to join the Nebraska ELCA high school making the journey together this coming summer!



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Upcoming Elementary Faith Formation Opportunities!

Explore! Day Retreat

Grades 1 - 6

Saturday, April 22, 2023

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

The Springs at Carol Joy Holling Camp

27416 Ranch Road, Ashland

Cost is \$25 for youth, includes lunch

Register at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore>

Upcoming Opportunities for Middle School, High School & Young Adults

July 16-20, 2024

New Orleans

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

7th - 11th graders (currently)

Young Adults Gathering

12th graders through 25-year-olds

The KMLC Scholarship Program

Application Deadline: March 1

Funds are available to any eligible college-bound student member. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university, or seminary may submit an application. Additional eligibility requirements are noted on the application. Applications can be picked up in the Youth Center, Church Office, or downloaded from the church web site at www.kmlchurch.org and go to Grow > Youth Ministries > Scholarships. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON MARCH 1, 2023. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable and recipients must re-apply each year. Funds are sent directly to respective institutions. Submit your applications, along with supporting documentation, by mail to KMLC, Attn Scholarship Committee, 2650 Farnam St., Omaha NE 68131; in person to the church office; or by email to info@kmlchurch.org



KMLC Camp Week

Carol Joy Holling Camp

June 18 - 23



You can sign up for any week, but those who want to attend a week of camp with others from the church can be directed to this time.

For more information or to register, go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/register>

35th Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Carol Joy Holling Camp

The day promises good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts. It is held rain or shine. Friends and families are welcome. Our kitchen will be serving pulled pork sandwiches and a selection of favorite salads from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available upon request. Concessions will be offered before and after lunch.

Quilt donations can be delivered to Carol Joy Holling Camp between June 1 and July 22. (Please submit in a plastic bag with donation form that can found on www.cjhcenter.org/quilt-auction

Silent Auction on Qtego: The silent auction will be online and will open Friday, July 28 at 9 AM.



CALENDAR

February

February 1 Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

February 2 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

February 3 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

February 4 Saturday

Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Worship

February 5 Sunday

Epiphany 5
Homebound Communion
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum

February 6 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

February 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
6:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Confirmation Class

February 9 Thursday

9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

February 10 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

February 11 Saturday

2:00 PM Building Use
5:00 PM Worship

February 12 Sunday

Epiphany 6



8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:15 AM Congregational Meeting
12:15 PM Book Group

February 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 14 Tuesday

Valentine's Day
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

February 15 Wednesday

Good News Deadline
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Class

February 16 Thursday

Council Reports Due
11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5

February 17 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

February 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

February 19 Sunday

Transfiguration of Our Lord
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum

February 20 Monday

President's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

February 21 Tuesday

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

February 22 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday



11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:30 PM Lenten Dinner
6:30 PM Worship

February 23 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

February 24 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

February 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

February 26 Sunday

Lent 1
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum

February 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3



1. Nien Bol, Rachel Bruch, Barbara Carpenter, Matthew Friesner, Carol Hansen
2. Kathleen Bailey, Carolyn Ireland, Jacob Rump
3. Pam Brown, Tammy McLeod, Amanda Taylor, Kristina Thacker, Lou Ann Weber, Drue Council
4. April Litwin, Ralph Morse, Hunter Seay, Elise Siffring,
5. Patsy Allen, Fran Camenzind, Janet Campbell, Gloria Houston, Karen Jacobson, Kevin Larkowski, Jackson Lawrence
6. Susan Coles, Bethany Gibson, Maggie Hiatt, Jaxson Winther
7. Cindy Coufal, Rhonda Pounds
8. Karen Hardy
9. Gloria Erickson, Bruce Nissen, Deborah Strobel, Alesha Martin, Jane Meyer
10. Carly Cameron, Karen Gilliam, Mason Crowell, Jennifer Seay
11. Teresa Heil, Mark Miller, Daphne Reed, Jerry Van Bibber,
13. Theresa Gruber, Austin Heimes, Jennifer Jones, Kelli Lange, Kris Placzek, Mackenzie Miller, Sam Garrett
14. Mike Christensen, Janis Fochek, Kara Griger, Steven Olson, Debra Virchow
15. Laura Anderson, Paul Bruch, Lisa Chmura, Calvin LeClair
16. Madaline Christensen, Tonia Kinish, Shelby Pestel, Chad Picha, Colton Diggins
17. Jessica Kaasch, Jo Kayton, Riley Pleas
18. Marvin Andersen, Walter Furjanic, Bob Johnson, Ardis Von Seggern, Ashley Quarles
19. John Lynch, Cindy Pfetzer, Susan Puls, Madeline Rief
20. Lesley Akers, John Eggen, Kitsy Hagge
21. Kristin Boe, Holly Carter, Karla James, David Muller
22. Danielle Barrett, Austin Copeland, Kathy Englert, Jacob Madison, Mary Owen, Jace Tams, Megan Thom
23. Stephen Sheftz
24. Mark Adams, Benjamin Dey, Kathryn Harvey, Jim Hopkins, Thomas Waller
25. Nancy Anderson, Paul Revord, Jenni Toebben
26. Shelley Danenhauer, Keelan Edwards, Amy Fredrickson, Suzanne Kotula, Nancy Martens, Patricia Scarpino, Hannah Earnhardt
27. Jacque Johnson
28. Kyle Frye, Mitchell Rudie, Erica Weigel, Norman Herzog
29. Rashelle Garrett

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 12/1/2022	\$2,010,370.75
Principal Payment, 1/1/2023	\$7,068.04
Interest Payment, 1/1/2023.....	\$6,402.89
Balance, 1/1/2023	\$2,003,302.71

Finances: December, 2022

	<i>December</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 250,132.81	\$ 765,755
Expenses:		
Capital Phase 2	\$ 104,059	\$ 104,059
Mission Support	\$ -	\$ 37,500
Christian Education:	\$ 281	\$ 4,746
Facility Costs:	\$ 11,177	\$ 156,001
Staff Compensation:	\$ 54,720	\$ 610,018
Worship & Music:	\$ 4,755	\$ 26,548
Parish Life:	\$ 915	\$ 22,962
Youth:	\$ 828	\$ 7,018
Office & Administration:	\$ 7,052	\$ 77,438
Total Expenses:	\$ 183,787	\$ 1,046,289

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022)

Balance, 1/1/2022 \$ 50,000.00

Income:

Donations:	\$ 71,540.95
Memorials	<u>\$ 7,101.33</u>
	\$ 78,642.28

Expenses:

Costco	\$ 8,831.93
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$ 4,074.76
Hy-Vee	\$ 120.00
Family Fare	\$ 22,685.99
Food Bank	\$ -
Other	<u>\$ 3,866.77</u>
	\$ 39,579.77

Balance \$ 39,579.45

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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



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

Worship: 12:15 & 6:30 PM

Lenten Meal:

Lunch: 11:00 AM

Dinner: 5:00 PM

**Our Ash Wednesday worship
will be a time to receive the ashes
of repentance and the word
of God's forgiveness.**