

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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On Palm Sunday we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem before his arrest and crucifixion. We often call this the "Triumphal Entry," and we mark this Sunday as the beginning of Holy Week. In their book, *The Last Week*, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus' final week of life. They describe two separate entries into Jerusalem. One is the event we commemorate: Jesus and the disciples coming from the east, from the Mount of Olives. Jesus is riding a donkey. The disciples have spread their cloaks as a carpet on the road. His followers are waving palm branches – a symbol of Jewish national identity – and shouting "Hosanna," which means "Save us, O son of David."

From the other side of the city Pontius Pilate, mounted on a war horse, leads a Roman army from the provincial capital at Caesarea on the Mediterranean coast – boots tromping, shields and spears clanging noisily. It is a demonstration of Roman imperial power, designed to instill fear in the citizenry and reinforce the message that it is loyalty to Caesar that saves and brings peace.

These two entrances mark the conflict that will play out in the events of the week leading to Jesus's crucifixion. It is the conflict between reliance on secular power and military might on one hand, and trust in the way of self-giving, humility and compassion on the other.

We begin our service by remembering Jesus' entry, waving palm branches, and singing "Hosanna." But then the mood shifts as we remember that the crowds quickly deserted Jesus. We read the long narrative from Matthew 26-27 telling of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion – "The Passion."

I invite you to be part of our remembering together, not only on Palm/Passion Sunday but throughout the week on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the silence of Holy Saturday. Then we will celebrate the Resurrection beginning with the Easter Vigil Saturday night, and three services on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Steve



## Good Friday Three Hour Ecumenical Service

12:00 Noon – 12:05 Invocation and Confession  
12:05-12:25 First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Luke 23:32-38

The Rev. Darryl Brown, Jr.

Senior Pastor, Kingdom Builders Christian Center

12:25-12:50 Second Word: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43

The Rev. Morita Truman

Pastor, First United Methodist Church

12:50-1:15 Third Word: "Woman, behold, your son! Behold, your mother!"

John 19:23-27

The Rev. Day Hefner

Pastor, Saint John's Lutheran Church (Schuyler)

1:15-1:40 Fourth Word: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Mark 15:33-36

The Very Rev. Vanessa Clark

Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Diocese of Nebraska

1:40-2:05 Fifth Word: "I thirst"

John 19:28-29

The Rev. E. Scott Jones, Ph.D.

Senior Minister, First Central Congregational Church, UCC

2:05-2:30 Sixth Word: "It is finished."

John 19:30

Fr. Eric Immel, S.J.

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

2:30-2:55 Seventh Word: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Luke 23:44-49

The Rev. Gary Eller, Ph.D.

Interim Pastor, Presbyterian Church of the Master

2:55-3:00 Nunc Dimittis, Lord's Prayer, Hymn,

Benediction

# 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 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.

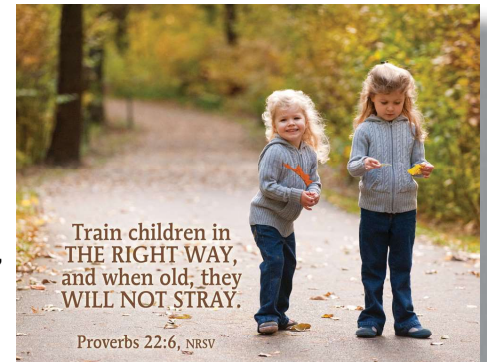
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

You can sign up for a date to provide flowers, eternal candle, and/or our television broadcast by 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.



## 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.



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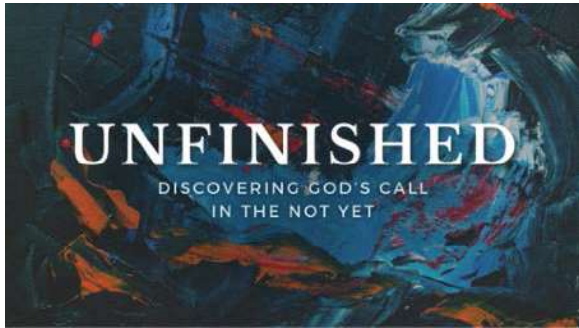
# GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

- April 2: Palm Sunday (Fellowship)
- April 9: Easter Sunday (Fellowship)
- April 16: Reception for Confirmands
- April 23: TBD
- April 30: TBD



### Sunday Focus

- April 2: Palm/Passion Sunday  
Called to Experience God's Presence
- April 9: Easter Sunday  
Called to Resurrection

## Omaha Young Adults Table Theology

Saturday, April 15

11:00 AM at Table Grace Cafe, 1611 1/2 Farnam

Young adults are welcome to join for brunch and discussion with others from across Omaha. RSVP to Greta at [OmahaLutheranYoungAdults@nelcm.com](mailto:OmahaLutheranYoungAdults@nelcm.com)

## Omaha Young Adults Trivia

April 25

7:00 PM

LOCAL Patio and Kitchen at Village Pointe

Young Adults are welcome to join the Omaha Lutheran Young Adults for trivia night! Talk to Greta for more info: [OmahaLutheranYoungAdults@nelcm.com](mailto:OmahaLutheranYoungAdults@nelcm.com)

*come grow with us!*

## New Member Class

April 23 & 30

10:15 AM



If you're interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial and the possibility of becoming a member of our congregation, please come to the New Member classes. Call the church office if you have questions and to let us know you plan to attend.

Please plan to attend both classes.

## KMLC Quilters & All Interested in Quilting

Wednesday, April 12

11:30 AM

Join us for a Lunch together in the Fellowship Hall following the regular monthly quilting time. We will then head over to Gallery 1516 on Leavenworth for the "Modern Quilting on the Prairie" Exhibit. If you are able to join us, please sign up or call the church office by Monday, April 10.



## An Afternoon of Playing Cards with Friends



Interest has been expressed for a gathering of people on a weekday afternoon to play cards together.

If this is something that you would be interested in participating in, please sign up or call the church office and let us know what weekday afternoon is best for you.

## Compline

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Hosts service of ancient chant and motets

Sunday, May 21, 7:30 PM

Please join us for a special evening featuring the sacred service of Compline. Amidst the beauty of the candlelit sanctuary, the Schola Cantorum from Lincoln's First Plymouth Church will share a short service of meditative chants and hymns.

The service of Compline has been sung for hundreds of years and offers singers and listeners a unique and special space for contemplation and communion with God.



# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



Now that winter is waning, we no longer need to collect gloves and hats. Thanks to everyone who provided these vital items for our guests. If you would like to donate items to the Pantry, please consider picking up some extra hygiene products, including feminine products, razors,

and shaving cream. We never seem to have enough for everyone in need. Soap, shampoo, and deodorant are always appreciated, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste.

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.

## From Those Serving in Mission

We received a newsletters from Steve & Jodi Swanson, Missionaries that Kountze Memorial is helping to support this year thanks to grants from our Endowment Fund.

Use the link below to read their newsletter.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/07b47595-5053-46b7-98fa-9764b8c2f794.pdf>



## A Day Without Shoes

April 16 - May 7

WELCA will begin collecting new or used shoes for the Stephen Center (even unusable shoes can be collected for recycling) as their April service project. Please don't bring shoes before April 16, but beginning that weekend, a box will be in the narthex for your shoe donations.



## April Service Project



Thank you for all the great donations to the Nebraska Humane Society! The March service project was designed to help all of God's

creatures by gathering supplies for pets in need. We will be accepting donations until the middle of April, so there is still time to support the Sunday School student's cause.

Items can be brought to church and left in front of the Sunday School office. A list of donations can be found on the Human Society website and include standard items of food, treats, toys, blankets, and more. Items to be gathered also include many recyclable items such as cereal boxes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, egg cartons, and plastic coffee containers.

## Worship Assistants Needed

Holy Week & Easter

We are in need Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers for Holy Week and Easter - and Sundays

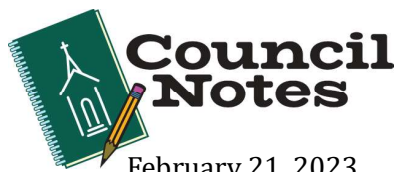
in general. If you are already serving as Communion Assistants and/or Lectors, please sign up on SignUp Genius or call the church office (402-341-7761) to sign up according to your availability. If you are willing to serve as an Usher, please contact Jim (jim@kmlchurch.org or call the church office.

If you aren't currently serving as a Communion Assistant or Lector but would like to, please contact Debbie in the church office (402-341-7761) to sign up or to get a link to the SignUp Genius Page. We will be glad to walk you through a short training session before you serve.

Thanks in advance for serving in this way.



# NEWS & Notes...



February 21, 2023

Financial Report given by Tim Backora. Offerings are off to a good start for the year.

#### Staff reports:

The sanctuary wood flooring is showing its age. As it is engineered hardwood it cannot be refinished. Jim has been doing some touch up work, but estimates are being sought for possible replacement. Call committee continues to meet.

#### Committee reports:

Christian Education reports that summer vacation bible school will be held at KMLC. Media and Technology working with vendor for webpage updates. Outreach has placed ads for Easter services. Personnel reports the job posting for the Executive Director position is nearly completed. Social Ministry highlighted the upcoming small group dinners. Worship & Music noted progress with additional choir members. Council discussed re-starting CPR training for staff, ushers, etc. The Windows Celebration Task Force has set September 10, 2023.

#### Board reports:

DeFreese Manor Board reported Kountze Memorial, Inc has been dissolved with some remaining fees to be paid. Kountze Commons Community Outreach (KCCOC) has been incorporated and is working with Personnel Committee for Executive Director job posting. The Food Pantry serves 850-900 people on Mondays and 175-200 on Fridays, plenty of food but could use more volunteers.

#### Old Business:

Approve payment to MIF (stained glass/roof repairs loan) of \$945,000 and to pay additional ongoing current invoices using deFreese manor sales proceeds.

#### New Business:

Approved James Holzer application for Parish Ministry Associate Program. Dannika Rees as a 5th Synod delegate from KMLC. Streetcar Project Task Force will attend an upcoming open house. Member Paul Carlson addressed the Council and highlighted the ELCA updated model constitution and how it might apply to KMLC.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 PM.

## One Year Update on the Bowari's - Our Afghan Refugee Family:

Great news: One year after moving into the apartment furnished by Kountze, the Bowari family is doing very well! As you may recall, the Kountze Refugee Resettlement Committee led the effort to collect all the household supplies and furniture for a family of 7 who had been evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021. We met the family and moved them into their apartment at 144th & Harrison last February. A month later, their 5th son was born. Since then, the family has experienced a series of milestones, including a few setbacks. However, overall, they are doing well, progressing in their English, and becoming independent. Here are a few of the highlights:

Guldin (the father) is working the night shift at an area Walmart restocking shelves. He originally had a job at one of the Packing plants in South Omaha, but was forced to leave that position due to lifting restrictions related to kidney stones. He was very pleased to find another job that pays even better and has much better working conditions.

Bibi Hawa (the mother) has made amazing progress in her English language skills. No one in the family spoke English upon arrival in August 2021. Bibi Hawa had never had the opportunity to attend school in Afghanistan, therefore is unable to read or write in her native language, Pashto. She is justifiably proud to be able to read and write on a first – second grade level in English. Her understanding of spoken English is much more advanced – to the point that she serves as interpreter for her husband much of the time. It is a joy to hear her express herself in English. For the first time in a year she is able to tell us about herself and her thoughts – communicating at an exceptional level in English.

The two oldest boys are in first grade and Kindergarten. Their understanding and level of spoken English is remarkable. Their teachers are very impressed with their progress in all areas.

The three- and four-year-old boys are growing rapidly and beginning to understand and speak English as well. They have a Millard Public School home visit preschool teacher who comes to work with them once a week.

The youngest, Murad, will soon be a year old. He is healthy, happy, and growing into a force to contend with his older brothers!

I close with the most recent development which will be a major change in the family's ability to become independent: Guldin received his driver's license last

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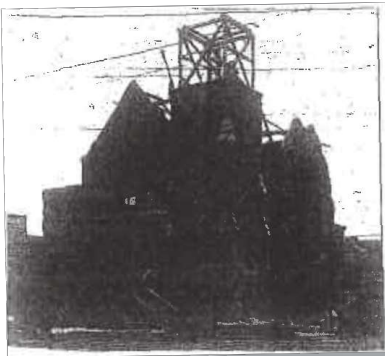
## Kountze History from the



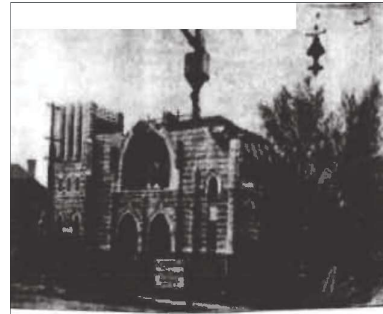
On August 15, 1881, the last service was held in the Emanuel's Lutheran Church's first building at 12<sup>th</sup> and Douglas Streets. The church and parsonage had been sold to the developers of the Millard Hotel for \$16,000. On October 31, 1881, morning and evening services were held in the new Boyd Opera House at 15<sup>th</sup> and Farnam Streets, that had been rented for \$15.00 per Sunday. The Opera House was used for over 2 years, until April 9, 1884, when the basement Lecture Room of the new Kountze Church at 16<sup>th</sup> and Haney Streets was ready for occupancy. One year later on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1885, the first services were held in the Sanctuary of the new church. On February 18, 1889 Harper's Weekly Magazine published a picture of the 10 most beautiful buildings in Omaha, Nebraska. Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church was one of the 10 buildings. A framed picture of those 10 buildings is hanging in the Church Office.

The following information was taken from numerous articles in the Omaha Bee Newspaper during the period of 1904 to 1905. Some might feel a touch of sentiment in regard to the news that Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is to be demolished, long known as one of the show buildings of the city. Indeed, it seems at first thought, a pity that a fine church should be removed to make room for a business house, but reflection indicates the contrary. In the stead of the structure that is now being demolished, a better one will be reared, one that is more accessible for purposes of worship and where the devout can have their moments of quiet meditation uninterrupted by the clang of passing traffic. The wisdom of the church Trustees determined that the sale of the site and the purchase of a new site farther west at 26<sup>th</sup> and Farnam Streets would be advantageous. Thus passes away the old Kountze Memorial, around whose altar the incense of peace has long burned. Judge Neville purchased the land for \$90,000 and will build a three story brick building with commercial stores on the first floor facing both 16<sup>th</sup> and Harney Streets. The upper two floors will be devoted to office spaces. The work of demolishing the church will begin in earnest after the last Easter Service in 1904. The Church will be responsible for removing the building and will maintain ownership of all materials and contents. The contractor, John H. Harte, a member of Kountze, will demolish and build the new structure. He estimates it will take 40 days to demolish the church since it's location will not permit any fast work. The church must be taken down a brick at a time just as it was built, to save as much salvage as possible. While the new building will be entirely of gray limestone from Missouri, we must save as many of the bricks as possible. They can be used in fill on the new church and Judge Neville has offered to purchase all the church will sell. The stained glass windows, after being worked over, will be used in the new church as will the large wood beams and metal columns. By far the largest salvage will be the roof. It is good quality slate and all of it can be used in the new church. Mr. Harte thought the slate roof, valued at \$600, was the most valuable item of salvage. Today we know the most valuable was the precious historic stained glass windows that are now again being worked over and restored. At an evening meeting at the church on Monday night after Easter, members of the church tore up the tile in the church entrance as mementos of the building. (Check your attics, you might find some of those old tiles) A large force of men were put to work on the Tuesday morning to begin the demolition that started at the bell tower and worked it's way down to the foundation..

(The pictures below show the demolition of the old church starting from the top of the bell tower and the construction of the new church where a crane was used to lift the heavy stones and beams. Unfortunately the microfilm has severely deteriorated, but it still tells the story.)



April 24, 1904  
Omaha Bee  
Old Kountze Memorial Church at 16<sup>th</sup> and Harney Streets in progress of demolition for a business block.



April 16, 1905  
Omaha Bee  
New Kountze Memorial Church at 26<sup>th</sup> and Farnam Streets in process of construction using a crane to lift heavy materials.

## 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, 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!

## Pastoral Acts

(February 16 - March 15)

Funerals:

Lucile Krisor, February 20, 2023

Marge Grabow, February 21, 2023

## KMLC Book Group

Bookworm

Sunday, April 16 (please note date change)

12:15 PM

**Note:** The April 9<sup>th</sup> book club date is Easter Sunday, so we will meet the following Sunday, April 16, at the Bookworm and will select books for next year after the 11:00 AM service.

We will not meet in May as that is Mother's Day. We'll meet back in the Fellowship Lounge on Sunday, June 11.

## Men's Lunch

Thursday, April 27 (please note date change)

11:30 AM

(Rescheduled from our February snowstorm)

Our speaker is from the Douglas County Historical Society, "Omaha's AUTO-Biography" is a look at our love affair with the motor car. From automobile production, to racing, to drive-in dining and movie theaters... we will hit all the stops"

Also please note it will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday just for the month of April.



## The Call Process Checklist

### Preparation Phase

- ✓ Leadership: Transition Minister: Pr. Stephen Griffith  
Assistant to the Bishop: Pr. Greg Berger
- ✓ Ministry Site Profile Completed, Approved, Posted online

### Call Process Phase

- ✓ Call Committee formed, installed, trained.
- ✓ Chair of Call Committee is Deacon Jean Johnson
- ✓ Call Committee prepared to receive candidates
- ✓ Call Committee receives names of candidate
- ✓ **Call Committee interviews candidates (in process)**
- Call Committee recommends one candidate to Council
- Council Interviews candidate
- Council recommends candidate to congregation
- Congregation meets the candidate
- Special Congregational Meeting is called
- Letter of Call is extended to pastor-elect

Pastor has 30 days to respond, then gives current congregation 30 days notice.



Please remember that there is No Parking in the Methodist parking lot to the north of our handicapped entrance on Wednesdays - or any week day - from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

You may park on Farnam Street at the meters for 25 cents per hour, in our parking lot on the east side of the building, or in the deFreese Manor parking lot.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!



### Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your baskets to the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All children are invited to the green space after the 9:00 Easter Sunday Service to race for candy filled eggs.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The preschool

room will be open for the 9:00 service only. The Nursery will be open from 8:45 to noon.



### Sunday School Good Gifts

At the beginning of Lent, the elementary school students made piggy banks for the ELCA Good Gifts program. The students were encouraged to share a few of their coins towards this project so that we could make a donation to this organization. Students are encouraged to return their banks on Palm Sunday, April 2.

### 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.



### Youth Forum

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



- April 2 Easter Prep.
- April 9 Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
- April 16 Confirmation Reception
- April 23 Bible Study
- April 30 Fun and Games

### Confirmation Celebration Dinner

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 PM

A dinner will take place in the Fellowship Hall to honor those Affirming their Baptismal Faith on Sunday, April 16 at the 9:00 AM Worship. Confirmands, Family Members,

Baptismal Sponsors, Pastors, and Speakers from the church will gather together for a meal, sharing of faith stories, and rehearsal for Confirmation Day.



### Confirmation Day

Sunday, April 16

9:00 AM

Worship the following students will be Affirming their baptismal faith. Sheyenne

Glasgow, Lilly Kassal, and Braxton Rees will come to the front of the Nave during this worship for the Rite of Confirmation. A reception time will include breakfast, cake, and a time to talk with and encourage these youth in their faith. Gift bags will be on the welcome desk for those who would want to express their joy as these youth take this important step in faith this day.

### Summer Confirmation Program

Did Confirmation pass you by, or want to continue learning?

A Summer Confirmation Program of 5 meetings will happen this summer for those in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above. This series of classes is being offered for those who might have missed our Confirmation program or for those who might want a refresher. Class time and days will be established by those wanting to attend and posted in the May Good News. Please call the church office to sign up or email shari@kmlchurch.org if interested in participating this summer.



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>

### Vacation Bible School

Welcomes all Superheros!

Sunday, June 11 - Wednesday, June 14

5:30 to 8:00 PM

We will be learning about Superheros of the Bible, how God provided for them, and how those heroes then



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furthered God's mission.

We all know that Superheros are stronger in groups! We will be joining several other Omaha area churches for fun, fellowship, and learning together.

Further details, including registration, will be coming soon. We hope to see all of you there for a SUPER good time.



### A Lego Faith Formation Experience

Friday, May 5

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades 4 - 6

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (510 N 93<sup>rd</sup> St, Omaha.)

Cost: \$5 per youth

Youth from across Omaha's Lutheran congregations will gather for fellowship, LEGOs and dinner! Friends are welcome! Register with Pastor Shari by Sunday, April 30, either in person, on sign-up sheet, or email at shari@kmlchurch.org Parents are welcome to stay for fellowship, a devotion, and tacos!

### 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.

Due to funding set up through a gift for Christian Education, KMLC will pay for youth attending camp this summer.

Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org> and select the REGISTER. There is a three step process of registering on Ultracamp, choosing a session, pay deposit and complete registration. On this third step select, "Pay items in full" and then "Pay by Check/Money Order". Then send a copy of this statement to shari@kmlchurch.org and we will take care of the rest. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity, and register today!

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week! For someone who doesn't speak or read English, this was a major feat. Thanks to the generous donation of a used car by Gwen and Don Bernie, Guldin can drive himself to work, take his children to the doctor, and the family can do their own grocery shopping. This is a major milestone celebrated by all of the refugee resettlement team!

The family still needs our support, however. Your prayers are deeply appreciated, as are your donations to supplement the family's income. We have a small nest-egg

## Invitation to Sponsor our Summer Youth Trip: Journey to DENVER



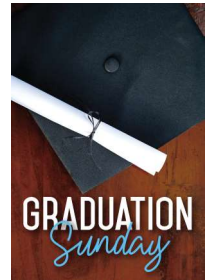
The NE Synod Youth trip for 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders will take place July 10-15, 2023. Five youth have said yes to this journey. We are asking you during the month of April if you would give a gift to sponsor our youth on this trip.

Any gift is appreciated and for your generosity you will receive thank you notes from participants and recognition at our Summer Youth Trip Sharing Event. We appreciate your consideration of how you might be a part of this ministry.

### Honoring our High School Graduates and All Other Graduates

Sunday, May 14

If you are a 2022/23 graduate, please let us know. We will uplift the names of all who have celebrated a graduation this past year. Call the church office at 402-341-7761 or email shari@kmlchurch.org, so we can celebrate with you.



### High School Graduate Quilt Blessing

Sunday, May 14

9:00 or 11:00 AM

A reception of Congratulations and Celebration will take place from 10:10 to 10:50 AM.

Along with breakfast, cake will be served. Seniors, please submit to the above email, 5 to 7 photos to include in the video presentation that will be shown during this time.

Cards of Congratulations can be brought by the congregation on this day. A listing of graduates will be in the May Good News and the Sunday Bulletin on May 7.

in case of emergencies, but soon the family will lose most of their state benefits such as Medicaid and SNAP (food stamps). Additional support to bridge the gap for a large family is greatly appreciated. Kountze will maintain and manage the "Refugee Support fund" for the family. Thank you to all who have prayed for and supported this family. God has blessed us all with the opportunity to welcome the stranger and to help them adjust to their new life here as our neighbors.



## April 1 Saturday

Homebound Communion  
5:00 PM Worship

## April 2 Sunday

Palm Sunday  
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-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

## April 3 Monday

Monday in Holy Week  
10:00 AM Pantry  
12:15 PM Worship

## April 4 Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:15 PM Worship

## April 5 Wednesday

Wednesday in Holy Week  
12:15 PM Worship

## April 6 Thursday

Maundy Thursday  
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship with First Communion

## April 7 Friday

Good Friday  
12:00 PM 3-hour Ecumenical  
Worship  
6:30 PM Worship

## April 8 Saturday

Easter Vigil (no 5:00 PM Worship)  
10:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship

## April 9 Sunday

Easter Sunday  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir  
8:00 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast  
7:30, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

## April 10 Monday

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## April 11 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## April 12 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
11:30 PM Sewing Group Lunch &  
"Quilter's on the Prairie"  
12:15 PM Worship  
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese  
Manor  
4:00 PM Executive Committee  
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner

## April 13 Thursday

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

## April 14 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## April 15 Saturday

Good News Deadline  
5:00 PM Worship

## April 16 Sunday

Easter 2  
Confirmation Sunday  
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-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
12:15 PM Book Group @ Bookworm  
(note date change)

## April 17 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## April 18 Tuesday

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

## April 19 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## April 20 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
6:00 PM Circle 5

## April 21 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## April 22 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## April 23 Sunday

Easter 3  
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-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:15 PM New Member Class

## April 24 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## April 25 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM Endowment Board  
12:30 PM Circle 3

## April 26 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## April 27 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch (note date  
change)  
1:00 PM Circle 4  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## April 28 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## April 29 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## April 30 Sunday

Easter 4  
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-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:15 PM New Member Class



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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 any time)

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Palm Sunday, April 1 & 2

9:00 & 11:00 AM Eucharist with Palm Procession and Passion Reading

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 3, 4, & 5

12:15 PM Eucharist in Rotunda Chapel

### Maundy Thursday, April 6

11:00 AM Lunch (free-will offering)

12:15 PM Worship

5:00 PM Dinner (free-will offering)

6:30 PM Worship & First Communion (Nursery care is available for children ages infant - 4 years in the nursery located near the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an Usher for directions.)

### Good Friday, April 7

12:00-3:00 PM Ecumenical Good Friday Service: Seven Words from the Cross with Guest Speakers, String Quartet and Kountze Choir

6:30 PM Tenebrae (Veneration of the Cross and Service of Shadows) (Nursery)

### Holy Saturday, April 8

10:00 PM Easter Vigil (Fire, Word, Water, Eucharist) (There will be no 5:00 PM Saturday service)

### Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 AM Festival of the Resurrection in the Link

8:00 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 & 11:00 AM Festival of the Resurrection

10:10 AMish Easter Egg Hunt in the Green Space after the 9:00 AM service

