

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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The Earth wobbles. As it spins on its axis it also oscillates back and forth, changing the angle of exposure to the Sun. And so we have changing seasons – colder when our part of the world is leaning away from the sun, and warmer when we tilt toward it.

Winter isn't over yet, but spring is approaching. During winter the earth seems to be sleeping. Plants have died back or gone dormant. Deciduous trees stand bare of their leaves. But below the surface, much is happening, silently and unseen. Trees are preparing to bud. Perennial plants and bulb flowers are beginning to awaken and will soon poke through the surface.

Here at Kountze Memorial, the winter has been busy with holidays, holy days, accomplishments, and preparations. Here are just a few updates:

- The stained-glass window project is progressing. The south window is now in place in the balcony. Ronco Construction is at work preparing the opening of the east window, which will be delivered after Easter.
- The Call Committee is interviewing candidates and discerning who will be a good Senior Pastor for Kountze Memorial. Please continue to pray for their work.
- We have repaid the construction loan for the roof repair and window restoration project. The Council designated a portion of the deFreese Manor sale proceeds to pay the loan with the Mission Investment Fund, saving close to \$40,000 in interest payments.
- The new Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center has been incorporated and is preparing the application for 501(c)3 tax exempt status. This new nonprofit organization will coordinate and promote the ministries and services that are housed in Kountze Commons, and work to form new partnerships for serving the people of Omaha. This is an exciting extension of our ministry to the community.

We are in the season of Lent. As we follow the journey toward the Cross, we are reflecting on the story of Jonah in the Bible in our midweek services. On Sundays, the lectionary readings focus on how God has called others, and how God is calling us in our own time. I hope you will join us in worship, growing, and serving.

Pastor Steve

## Lenten Devotions

UNFINISHED Digital Devotions are available through links from the weekly e-news and our church website (you can use the QR code below). There are a few options that you might find helpful:

- Weekly Wednesday Jonah – Children and Family Ideas
- Weekly Sunday Lectionary - Children and Family Ideas
- Near and Now Weekly Bible Study
- Daily Unfinished Devotional
- Weekly Vocare Guided Meditations and Videos

Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox writes of this weekly practice: “One way that we can lean into and honor this space between no longer and not yet is to engage in spiritual practices that both invite us to be attentive to God’s present-tense call and nourish God’s relationship with us. This Lent, you are invited into the spiritual practice vocare, a practice designed to help you discover and embrace various ways that God calls you in everyday life so that even amid the not yet, you can more intentionally live life on purpose for the common good.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday with a reminder of our shared, called, baptismal life and culminating on Easter Sunday with the call to practice resurrection, each week will add a new guiding word of the vocare practice and practical ways to engage vocare in your personal life, your circle of relationships, and your congregation. You won’t want to miss the chance to honor the space between no longer and not yet!”



# WORSHIP *with us...*

## Worship Times

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all three weekend liturgies which use resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM; Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

The 9:00 AM liturgy is broadcast on Cox Cable Channel 13 and is also live-streamed on our website ([www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org)). The Sunday bulletin is available on our website.

A brief, spoken Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Rotunda.



## Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



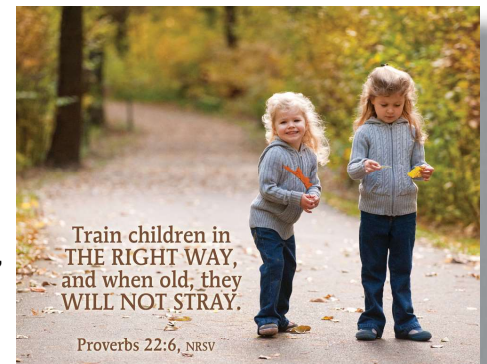
Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

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.

## 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.

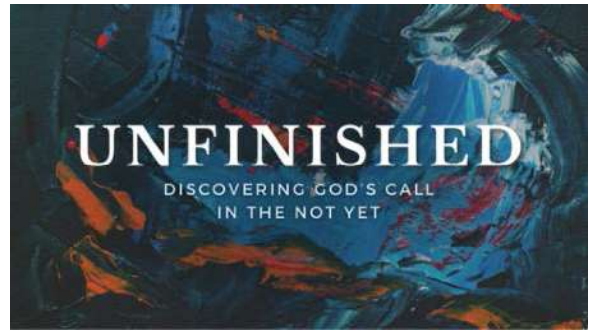
You can sign up for a date to provide flowers, eternal candle, and/or our television broadcast by signing up in the Narthex, calling the church office, going online to our giving page, or placing a check in the mail or offering plate marked "flowers, candle, or TV ministry. Please let us know if it is in honor/memory/celebration of someone. Thanks.



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## Our Lenten Focus



### Wednesday Focus

UNFINISHED – Out of the Depths is written by Dr. Michael J. Chan and will be our focus for Wednesdays in Lent on the book of Jonah. He says, “Jonah walks a Lenten path. Like all human beings, he is prone to wander from his Creator in favor of determining the shape and scope of his own future. This temptation is especially powerful when God calls us to take on risky ventures, travel to strange places, and confront things inside of us that prevent us from seeing one another as God does. God meets us in those liminal, Lent-like spaces when we find ourselves somewhere between trust and doubt, courage and fear, anger and empathy.” Join us as we explore these themes:

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| March 1  | Jonah 1:17; Psalm 139; Intercepted and Redirected                    |
| March 8  | Jonah 2; Psalm 130; God in the Depths of Chaos                       |
| March 15 | Jonah 3; Obedience and Preservation                                  |
| March 22 | Jonah 4; Faithful and Unfinished                                     |
| March 29 | Matthew 8:23-27 (cf. Mark 4:34-41; Luke 8:22-25); Jesus, a New Jonah |

### Sunday Focus

UNFINISHED – Discovering God’s Call in Not Yet is written by Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox and will be our focus for Sundays of Lent. She writes, “The church by its very nature, and we as people of faith, live our whole lives in the space between no longer and not yet. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, we dwell in the space between the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the final fulfillment of God’s hope-filled promises. In this space between, we dwell in the unfinished as unfinished people. As John reminds us, “we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.” But we are not left alone in this space between no longer and not yet. We are not left alone to navigate this unfinished life by ourselves. God is here - present-tense, each and every day - calling to us, accompanying us, renewing and recreating us - over and over again.”

We will be using the lectionary readings to focus on the following themes:

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| March 5  | Called to Openness   |
| March 12 | Called by God  |
| March 19 | Called to Attentiveness                                    |
| March 26 | Called to Regret   |
| April 2  | Palm/Passion Sunday<br>Called to Experience God’s Presence |
| April 9  | Easter Sunday<br>Called to Resurrection                    |



**10:10 - 10:50 AM**

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

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| March 5:  | Music of the Lutheran Tradition:  |
| March 12: | Pondering the Crucifixion, Part 1 |
| March 19: | Pondering the Crucifixion, Part 2 |
| March 26: | Pondering the Crucifixion, Part 3 |



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 deFreeze parking lot.



# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



The Kountze Food Pantry has received our latest \$1,000.00 from Family Fare receipts. Thanks to all who contribute to this effort! In addition, Family Fare has also presented the Pantry with almost \$900.00 in Directed Dollars funds.

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>

## 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.



## March Service Project



The Sunday School is collecting items for the Nebraska Humane Society for the March service project. 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.



## 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.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart of Camp Gala

### Faith: Alive!

April 1

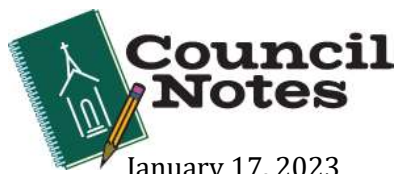
A View, West Shores in Waterloo, NE

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 \$125 per person. Register with shari@kmlchurch.org Please RSVP by the March 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.



# NEWS & Notes...

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January 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Pastor Steve Griffith. Steve Hinrichs led a devotion. Motion and adoption of the meeting agenda by a voice vote, with two addendums to new business.

Moved and seconded to adopt minutes of previous meeting, with corrections.

Financial Report by Tim Backora: Have not received refund from IRS, hopefully approximately \$89,000. Loose offerings \$4,400 for 2022. Motion and adoption of financial report by a voice vote.

Congregational Activities Committee: Looking for a band for the Neighborhood Picnic in June.

Food Pantry: Closed MLK day and other holidays. Have continued to serve high volumes. Need more volunteers.

Property: Tim Smejkal and Mike Jensen met with the insurance company, hoping to save money in the coming year.

Social Ministry Committee: Anne will attend a meeting with LFS to assess their needs.

Stewardship Committee: Number of commitments have remained very close this year, however amounts have increased.

deFreese Manor Fund: \$1,816,664.

Pastor Hall has announced that he will begin as the Chair of Theology at Creighton University.

Staff reports received. Motion, seconded, and approved.

Old Business: Update on membership audit from Pastor Shari. Have not been specific in who is participating and who is not, and have not planned for making an adjustment, are leaving the numbers the same as last year. Will say 1900 members. To work with Outreach, and will make recommendations. Discussion regarding the possible need for a more specific committee for membership, and designated people who focus on membership growth/decline, and current memberships.

New Business: Resolution authorizing Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center. Moved, seconded, and approved.

Update on budget: Revisions made to budget. Out by email to the council in the next week. Of note, worship and music will potentially be adding paid singers, thus increasing the budget. Bruce states that there has been discussion on committee of potential sign-ups/pool for singers, so that they do not have to sing each Sunday, but can be paid by the service. Concern from Steven Hinrichs regarding \$42,000 for maintenance- if this will be funded by endowment? Potential need to increase this budget.

Rev. Bob Johnson, \$2,000 gift for working with MIF to give a \$100 savings account for 20 children's baptism. Goal would be for this to be an established fund and continued.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 11



Lenten meals continue through 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. 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.



**Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha – "A History" 1858-1990**

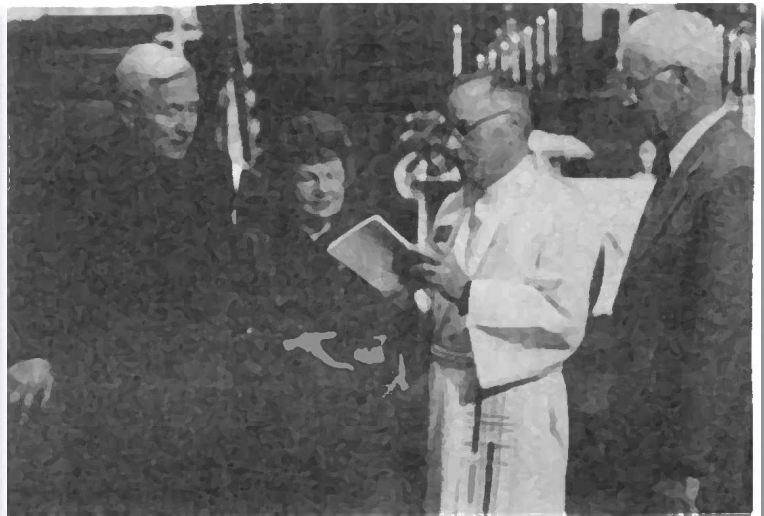
At the May 1988 meeting the Council concurred with the Endowment Fund Committee to make a grant from the Endowment Fund to the Archive Committee for the publication of a book on the History of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The Rev. Dr. L. Dale Lund was chosen to write the book. Dr. Lund, a native of Wakefield, Nebraska and a graduate of Luther College, Gustavus Adolphus College and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, he was ordained in 1945. He earned a Ph.D. in Theology at Drew University. He was pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Attleboro, Massachusetts, for two years before entering a lifetime ministry in higher education. He was a member of the faculty at Upsala College for eleven years, president of Bethany College for seven years, Dean of Faculty of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for three years and president of Midland College for thirteen years.

One page of the book lists PATRONS, those families or businesses who helped underwrite the printing of the book with a donation of \$100 or more. Early sale orders were \$10.00 and after publication were sold for

\$15.00. Pastor Wick explained that this history book reflects the strengths that each of the first thirteen senior pastors brought to the ministry of Kountze during the period from 1858 to 1990. With completion of the book, it was Pastor Wick's honor to present the first copy to the only living former senior pastor, Paul and Mina deFreese, at the Sunday Service on November 4, 1990.



April 1990 - Dr. L. Dale Lund and Betty Bass, Parish Assistant and Archivist are shown looking at the Archive boxes which contain the historical materials used in the preparation of the published history of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.



November. 4, 1990- Presentation by Pastor Wick of the first copy of the "HISTORY OF KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH" to the only living former senior Pastor, Paul and Mina deFreese.

The Archive Committee has three copies of this book in the Archives Room that may be checked out. We recently received one of these copies from the estate of Elaine Bonfante.



## 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](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

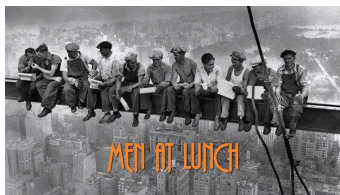
Your help is appreciated!

## 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](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org).

## Men's Lunch



No Men's Lunch in March. Join us again on Thursday, April 20.

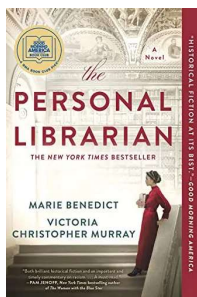
## KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, March 12

12:15 PM

***The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray**



This is a best selling, notable book of the year by two female authors, one white and one black.

Belle de Costa Greene, born Belle Marion Greener, was the librarian loved by J.P. Morgan in the early 20th century. She was an extraordinary woman with intellect, wit, and style and purchased rare manuscripts for the collection of the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City, and became the first director of the library. She established herself in high society disguising her identity of being a black woman who purchased for white. Her father, Richard Greener, was the first black graduate of Harvard and advocated for equality. Belle became one of the most powerful people in the art and book worlds, and went to great lengths to preserve her white identity in the historical period she lives.

The novel is about the Morgan Collection and racial injustice.

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

## 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.

## Pastoral Acts

(January 16 - February 15)

### Funerals:

- Carol Duncan, January 16, 2023
- Darrell W. Vaught, January 25, 2023
- Marvin D. Andersen, February 15, 2023

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!



Through the month of March, the Sunday School students will continue to learn of Jesus' life and his progression to the cross. Over the four weeks of March, the

children will hear of Jesus' temptation in the desert, learn of Christ as a healer and parable-maker, study the time Jesus enters Jerusalem and shares bread and wine with the disciples, ending with the culmination of Jesus on the cross and the meaning of Easter.

### Sunday School Good Gifts



In Sunday school, the students made banks to collect their change for the ELCA Good Gifts program during a lesson on the sacrifices Jesus made for us. It was collectively decided that the students could make small sacrifices and gather \$110 to purchase a pig, goat, chickens, and bees to support sustainable development ministries through the ELCA World Hunger program. We will collect the banks on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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.



### First Communion Classes

Sundays, March 19 and 26

12:00 PM (following 11:00 AM service)

A light lunch is served before the hour long class.

If your child is around second grade, or has expressed a curiosity about what it means to receive Communion, they are encouraged to join this class. First Communion will be taken on Maundy Thursday, April 6. Please RSVP to Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org).



### Confirmation

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend Lenten Meals and Worship and to assist as acolytes and ushers.



### 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.

March 5 What's New? – in our lives and current events

March 12 Assist with Sunday School

March 19 Bible Study

March 22 Fun and games

### 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

Five youth have already said yes to this journey. 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. We ask for your prayers as we make our preparations for this time set apart in service and learning.

Registration has been



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extended until March 25, so if you would still like to attend, please contact Pr. Duminy at 402-341-7761 or shari@kmlchurch.org. The cost of the trip is \$500.00.



## 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>

## 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>



## 35<sup>th</sup> 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 be found on [www.cjhcenter.org/quilt-auction](http://www.cjhcenter.org/quilt-auction))

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



## Upcoming Opportunities for Middle School, High School & Young Adults

July 16-20, 2024

New Orleans

### 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders (currently)

### Young Adults Gathering

12<sup>th</sup> graders through 25-year-olds

## What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being called into this world.

An essential part of the ministry of the Gathering is the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble. MYLE is a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color or whose primary language is not English. The tAble brings together, blesses and empowers youth living with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

The ministry of the Gathering is dreamed, planned and executed by Gathering leadership, which consists of nearly 98% volunteers and a small full-time staff out of the ELCA churchwide organization.

**Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the tAble** (July 13-16, 2024)

**ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering** (July 16-20, 2024)

# CALENDAR



## March 1 Wednesday

11:00 AM Lenten Lunch  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship  
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## March 2 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
6:00 PM Worship & Music  
Committee

## March 3 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 4 Saturday

Homebound Communion  
5:00 PM Worship

## March 5 Sunday

Lent 2  
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

## March 6 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry  
6:00 PM Call Committee

## March 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## March 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch  
12:15 PM Worship  
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese  
Manor  
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship

## March 9 Thursday

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

## March 10 Friday

11:00 AM Millard Mini Singers - Barb  
Carlsen  
5:00 PM Pantry

## March 11 Saturday

10:00 AM AGO - Jean Johnson  
Fellowship Hall  
5:00 PM Worship

## March 12 Sunday

Lent 3  
Daylight Savings--spring ahead 1  
hour  
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

## March 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry  
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board  
Classroom

## March 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## March 15 Wednesday

Good News Deadline  
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner  
6:00 PM Executive Committee  
6:30 PM Worship

## March 16 Thursday

Council Reports Due  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
6:00 PM Circle 5

## March 17 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## March 19 Sunday

Lent 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

## March 20 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## March 21 Tuesday

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

## March 22 Wednesday

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

## March 23 Thursday

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

## March 24 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## March 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## March 26 Sunday

Lent 5  
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

## March 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## March 28 Tuesday

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

## March 29 Wednesday

11:00 AM Lenten Lunch  
12:15 PM Worship  
5:00 PM Lenten Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## March 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
6:00 PM Christian Education

## March 31 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry



**Birthday Blessings**

1. Pam Backora, Grayson Christensen, Joseph Hawkins
2. Gregg Loucks, Ryan Mulick, Marce Picha, Matthew Salmon, Barb Paris
3. Lydia Theisen
4. Lois Denzler, Lynn Langer, Sharon Miley
5. Ashley Cavalieri, Jerry Fischer, Alice Fitzgerald, Sarah Jewell, Aiden Myers
6. Bridget Reagan, Joseph Lyons
7. Angie Arispe, Caleb Theisen, Ryan Severson
8. Joel Fischer, Beverly Johnson, Justus Kucera, Dustin Kunkel, Cecelia Ward
9. Diane Burt, Erika Fili, Morgan Kreiser, Sharon Nelson, David Pfetzer, Mary Yocom, Samantha Zellmar, Deb Kelly
10. Terri Gogetap, Linda Higa, Sherri Labeledz, Jon Natvig, Mark Sullivan, Christian Thom
11. Sharon Arispe, Constance Jacobsen, Joanna Robertson
12. Adam Backora, Anna Kidder
13. Kelsey Svacina, Nina Winther
14. Robert Ellison, Denise Hawkins, Katie Preininger, Adam Studts
15. Sunshine Hansen, Zachary Hatcher, Randal LeClair, Jim McCarthy, John Sheely, Johanna Vacek
16. Caroline Bressman, Chelsea Chmura, George Ernce, Michelle Hatcher, Dan Troxel
17. Tim Backora, Len Hansen, Ree Reimers
18. Ricky Anderson, Alan Barrett, Audrey Klein, Michael Orris, Lois Sorensen, Kyle Storer, Marcia Roynesdal
19. Zachary Girthoffer, Tom Jensen, Karen Loucks, Tom Steffen
20. Osborne Eckhorn, Jason Klonglan, Jan Petersen, Sharon Waller
21. Samantha Furjanic, Bruce Gerhardt, Marie Kubat, Eric Reinholz
22. Dorothy Behmer, Naomi Kirkvold, Patty Nansel, Laurine Savine, Tamara Sladek, Brandon Sorensen, Laura Ulrich, Joshua Wendle, Amy Wemhoff
23. Carol Jenkins
24. Lawrence Bradley, Elizabeth Stieneke
25. John Bodnar, Mike Edris, Alicia Diggins
26. Myrna Carter, Bailey Gittler, Jessica Reed, Roy Segelberg, Carole Woodworth, Mickey Zellmar
27. Alexis Dragon, Brody Gunia, Katie Larson, Amaya McLaren
28. Brian Ervin, Andrew Hinrichs, Terri Morrow, Andrew Reinert
29. Jacob Weiland, Philip Meyer
30. Cadyn Kocourek, James Pestel, Amy Pignatore, Alec Weedman
31. David Studts, Carl Ekstrom

**Kountze Commons Mortgage Update**

Loan Balance, 1/1/2022.....	\$2,003,302.71
Principal Payment, 2/1/2023 .....	\$6,877.87
Interest Payment, 2/1/2023.....	\$6,593.06
Balance, 2/1/2023 .....	\$1,996,424.84

**Finances: January, 2023**

	<i>January</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 86,385.92</b>	<b>\$ 86,385.92</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support:	\$ -	\$ -
Christian Education:	\$ 1,032.37	\$ 1,032.37
Facility Costs:	\$ 17,767.75	\$ 17,767.75
Staff Compensation:	\$ 54,183.71	\$ 54,183.71
Worship & Music:	\$ 901.10	\$ 901.10
Parish Life:	\$ 1,171.98	\$ 1,171.98
Youth:	\$ 172.51	\$ 172.51
Office & Administration:	\$ 7,405.08	\$ 7,405.08
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 82,635.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,635.00</b>

**Food Pantry Report**

(1/1/2023 - 1/31/2023)

**Income:**

Grants	\$ 2,750.00
Donations:	\$ 2,230.66
Memorials	\$ 4,801.33
	<b>\$ 9,781.33</b>

**Expenses:**

Aldi	\$ -
Costco	\$ 57.00
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$ -
Hy-Vee	\$ -
Dollar Tree	\$ -
Family Fare	\$ 57.07
Food Bank	\$ -
Other	\$ -
	<b>\$ 114.07</b>

**Balance**                      **\$ 9,667.92**



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## Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM  
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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/>

### Palm Sunday, April 1 & 2

9 & 11 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

5:30 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

12-3 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 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 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast

9 & 11 AM Festival of the Resurrection

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

