

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PASTOR

This is an important, exciting time for Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The Call Committee, led by Deacon Jean Johnson, has recommended a candidate for Senior Pastor to the Congregational Council. Led by Vice-President Kate Jones, the Council is having conversations with the recommended candidate, and spending time in discussion and prayer among themselves. They are reviewing the ministries of Kountze Memorial, the "personality" of the congregation, and the context of the city and our surrounding neighborhood. They are considering what challenges the congregation will face in the coming years and what leadership skills will be necessary to help the congregation move forward. All this takes time, and it is natural to feel impatient when we are all eager to move to the next step. I ask you to continue to pray for the Council, for the congregation, and the pastor God is leading to us.

Meanwhile, we have work to keep doing here. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner.

Installation of the stained-glass window is scheduled to begin June 19. A special team is planning for a series of events celebrating the completion of the window in September. The Nominating Committee will begin working soon to identify leaders to present for election at the Congregational Meeting on August 6. And we gather week by week to worship, to grow, and to serve. I rejoice that I can be part of all this for a short time longer.

Pastor Steve



## CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee was given the names of two candidates by Assistant to the Bishop, Greg Berger.

We received their Ministry Profiles and studied them thoroughly. We interviewed both candidates by Zoom, using questions the committee had chosen ahead of time. Both candidates were then interviewed in person. For each candidate I spent an hour driving them around the downtown area - seeing what housing is available and speaking about concerns for those who live around here. We saw all the new building, entertainment options, sports venues, etc. We went as far west as the Medical Center. The second hour we joined with Pr. Steve for a tour of the Kountze facility and Kountze Commons. Then the committee joined us and each candidate was asked another series of predetermined questions.

After each interview, the committee discussed whether the candidate would be a good fit at Kountze. We wanted a person who would be excited to grow with the congregation. We wanted a person who was familiar with the kinds of ministry that are important for a church in our location. We wanted a person who could make worship a priority, but help us grow in our faith and want to be Christian people who are open and loving to all people.

After the second interview, we let one candidate know we did not feel they were a good fit for us. At the council meeting last week, the name of one candidate who the committee voted would be a good leader for Kountze was given to the Council. The decision was a relatively quick one and definitely a unanimous vote.

Committee members are Ann Miller, Ashley Sum, Paul Revord, Mary Jo Fike, Dannika Rees, Leon Valquier, Bob Johnson and Jean Johnson.

## Kountze Commons Update

Work continues on obtaining non-profit status for the ministry at Kountze Commons (the Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center). We have completed the first two phases for application to the IRS. A job description for the executive director has been approved by Council and will be posted soon. Endowment has approved a document acknowledging the new entity as entrusted with overseeing the ministry at Kountze Commons. A "memorandum of understanding" with the congregation is being drafted to clarify and affirm that the new entity exists for one purpose only: to support the ministry of Kountze Commons as defined by the congregation.

# 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.

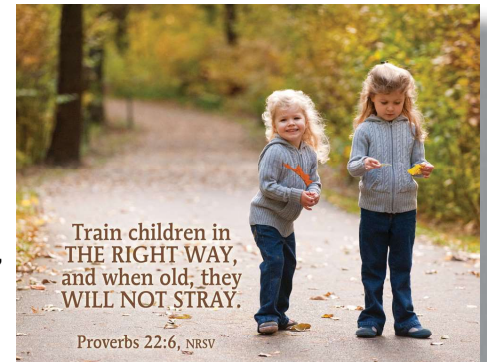
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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.



Train children in  
THE RIGHT WAY,  
and when old, they  
WILL NOT STRAY.

Proverbs 22:6, NRSV

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# GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

- June 4: Fellowship
- June 11: Summary Report of Synod Assembly
- June 18: TBD
- June 25: TBD
- July 2: Fellowship
- July 9: TBD
- July 16: TBD
- July 23: TBD
- July 30: TBD

## Summer Confirmation Continues

12:00 PM (see dates listed below)

We are meeting in the Fellowship Lounge at Noon for a light lunch and lessons on the following Wednesdays:

- The Creeds – June 14
- The Lord's Prayer – June 28
- Worship/Sacraments – July 19
- Discipleship – August 16

We will plan for Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, August 26.

## 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.

## Simply, thank you.

After the first meeting of my Lay Internship Committee last September, Liz Pemberton (Kountze member) asked if there was a specific, tangible way she could provide support this year, for me and for The Common Well — the ecumenical community of Creighton's Protestant students that I steward. Giving her full permission to decline, I said she'd be welcome to bake gluten-free treats for the student gathering that week — a practice I wouldn't have time to tend this year. Liz took that invitation and ran with it, baking and dropping off treats not just for one week but for every single week of the student gatherings this academic year. It was incredibly generous, invisible to most, but absolutely treasured by the students and me. At The Common Well's last worship of the year, they were delighted to welcome Liz and Bill and express their deep appreciation directly.

That beautiful act of loving service is emblematic of how the Kountze community has shown up to the invitation to serve as an internship site. You said "yes" to a part-time arrangement because that was the need. You said "yes" to welcoming a particular intern who was juggling a complicated year of transition for her family. You said "yes" to my trying new things in music or preaching or prayer practices. Again and again, you not only said "yes". You ran with the invitation of this year. You accepted and encouraged me as your vicar, sent thoughtful cards, invited me for holiday meals. You opened your tables, your hearts and your lives, and for that I am ever grateful. Thank you for being church in your signature way — for freely and lovingly sharing Christ's love wherever you see need. I will be a better pastor for all that this year among you has held.

Immense gratitude goes to the Lay Internship Committee (Dulcinea Boesenberg — Chair, Liz Pemberton, Jacob Rump, Jenni Omann, Isaiah Spruth-Janssen & Kelly Tadeo-Orbik), to Pastor Shari who has provided endless support as internship supervisor, to Pastors Griffith and Hall for their guidance and generous collegiality, to the whole wonderful Kountze staff, and to each and every one of you. I will hold you in my heart with gratitude for years to come.

God's richest blessing to the Kountze community in all that lies ahead!

Good courage and great joy to you all,  
Vicar Gretchen

# SERVE with us...

## Kountze Food Pantry



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@kmlchuch.org](mailto:Nursery@kmlchuch.org) or reach out to Shannon Picha personally if interested in assisting.



## High School Graduates

### Arianna Ascani

Parents: David Ascani and Cristiana Paletta

Host Parents: Shari and Corbet Dorsey

Attended: Papillion LaVista

Future Plans: I would love to attend

Embry Riddle Aeronautical School and major in aerospace engineering. I hope to join NASA one day

### Braden Bonacci

Parents: Chad & Shannon Picha & Brian Bonacci

Attended: Papillion LaVista

Future Plans: Attending UNO Majoring in Theatre / Costume Design and Photography

### Filip Boskamp

Parents: Petra and Jan Boskamp;

Host Parents: Michelle and Scott Meyers

Attended: Papillion LaVista

Future Plans: Finish German high school, but then I want to study aerospace engineering, here in America.

### Sofia Di Lorenzo

Parents: Kara Di Lorenzo and Jesse Di Lorenzo

God parents: Kristen Boe and Josh Di Lorenzo

Attended: Central High School

Future Plans: Attending Metro Community College for Art

### John Gerhard Groenjes

Parents: Lorie and Wesley Nielson and the late John Groenjes

Attended: Millard South

Future Plans: Going to apprentice at Peerless as an air compressor mechanic

## Dannika Rees

Parents: Eric and Toby Rees

Attended: Papillion LaVista

Future Plans: Attending UNO to double major in Premed and Spanish while participating in Track & Field

## Collegiate and Graduate Degree Recipients

### Sarah Jewell

KMLC Administrative Assistant

Associates in Interior Design

Metro Community College – May 12, 2023

### Clara Kidder

Daughter of Mark & Tarna Kidder

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences and a minor in Business

Northwest Missouri State University – May 6, 2023

### Ellie Kopp

Daughter to Gretchen Olson Kopp and Sasha Kopp

Bachelor of Arts – Music Education

Indiana University – May 6, 2023

### Gretchen Olson Kopp

KMLC Vicar, Wife of Sasha Kopp, Mother to Ellie and Eli

Master of Divinity

Wartburg Theological Seminary – May 14, 2023

### Anna Kotula

Daughter of Rudolf & Suzanne

Bachelor of Science - Biology & Anthropology and a minor in Global Health

Creighton University - May 13, 2023

### Justin Perkins

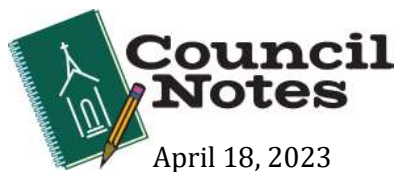
Son of Robin and Jeff Perkins

Master of Divinity

University of Chicago Divinity School - June 2 & 3

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# NEWS & Notes...



April 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM. Devotions given by Pastor Hall. Previous minutes approved as amended.

Financial Report given by Tim Backora and approved by Council. Expense exceeded income last month due in part to winter snow removal invoice and OPPD level-billing adjustment.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. Pastor Griffith discussed the Bovard Studios delay in window project completion, estimated installation is now mid-June. Council Retreat will take place on November 4, 2023 - Friday evening dinner & Saturday program.

Committee reports given and approved by Council. Media and Technology working website update and noted due to Cox Communications error Easter Sunday service was not broadcast on TV but the livestream was broadcast.

Cox will issue a credit to our account. Scholarship committee submitted scholarship recommendations which the Council unanimously approved.

Board reports given and approved by Council. Endowment meets on April 25th and will discuss the Call Committee/Council's grant request for Senior Call expenses. Medical Clinic is adopting an updated donor recording policy. KCCOC has approved the executive director job description and is receiving applications with interviews to begin soon.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Naming of Nominating Committee tabled until May meeting. Council moved and adopted a resolution designating Council vice-president Kate Jones authorization to negotiate with a potential candidate for Senior Pastor.

Council entered into a closed session at 7:05 PM wherein a presentation was given by the Call Committee. Closed session ended at 8:30PM

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:38 PM.



Our Quilt Group gets together on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM to sew quilt tops, attach binding, and to tie quilts for Lutheran

World Relief as well as our high school graduate quilts.

Quilting expertise is not necessary. If you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt. Come and join the group on June 14 and/or July 12.

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## **Dr. Elliott Jacobson**

Son of Steve & Karen Jacobson

Ph.D. in Spanish

University of Nebraska at Lincoln – May 19, 2023

Elliott and his wife Rebeca live in Dallas, where he teaches at Dallas College.

## **Dr. Nicholas Wemhoff, Ed.D.**

Husband of Amy, and father of Wyatt and Gwen

Doctorate of Education Degree

Doane University – May 13, 2023

He is principal at Fort Calhoun Junior/Senior High School and Executive Board Member of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)





**Life-Long Member LeClare Steffen Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

LeClare Steffen is the longest living baptized member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.

LeClare's parents, Leo and Clara Gardiner, were active members of Kountze with her father joining in 1914 and her mother in 1921 when he married Clara Petersen. LeClare was born on June 20, 1923. She was baptized at Kountze July 15, 1923 by Pastor Baltzly; confirmed April 5, 1936 by Dr. Traub (There were 199 members in LeClare's confirmation class!); and she and her husband, Arnie Steffen, were married at Kountze on October 2, 1948 by Dr. Traub. Arnie Steffen passed away in 1997. LeClare and Arnie had two children, Jane and



Tom, who were both baptized by Dr. Traub. Tom and his family are members of Kountze, so four generations of this family have been members. LeClare and Arnie were active members of Kountze. Arnie was an usher, was on the Church Council, served on the deFreese Manor Board, and drove the deFreese Manor van. LeClare is in Circle 4, served on the Altar Guild, and helped with Lenten dinners. They were both in couples Club, were greeters, and gave homebound communion.

During this time of window restoration in the sanctuary, it is interesting to note that in 1969 LeClare's father donated one of the stained-glass windows in the fellowship hall. It is located in Room A, on the northside of the Fellowship Hall, to the far left. The window is named "Christ in Gethsemane." Leo donated the window in memory of his wife, Clara.

When LeClare was interviewed by the Archives Committee in 2010, she had this to offer to future generations: "Kountze is the foundation of my life. I need the church and I have loved the Pastors and the lessons I have learned at Kountze, and I want my family to continue. If young people today can stay connected to the church and believe in God, he will direct their paths through life."



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LeClare and Arnie were active members of



We received new members on Sunday, May 7. Please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome them to Kountze Memorial.



**Judy McIntire**



**Roy Miller**

If you would like more information on Kountze Memorial or are considering joining this congregation, please indicate this on the attendance card found in your worship bulletin. We'll inform you shortly before a new class begins in the fall so you can sign up to attend. Please talk to a Pastor or call the church office if you have questions.

## 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).

## 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!

## Cards with Friends

Thursday, June 1  
Thursday, July 6  
2:00 PM



Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time together playing cards.

All are welcome. Bring a snack to share.

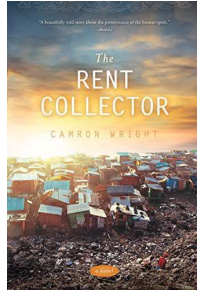
## KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, June 11

*The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright

12:15 PM



This is a novel about a family living in Stung Meanchy, the largest waste dump in Cambodia. Sang Ly, her husband, KI, and sick child, Nisay Struggle to survive poverty, violent gangs, lawlessness, and attempt to pay their rent and purchase medicine to heal their ill child. They support themselves in foraging through the dump for items they can sell.

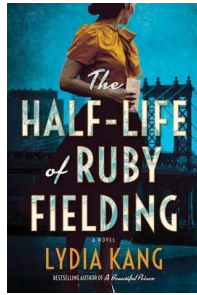
The rent collector, Sopeap, is an ill tempered woman who Sang Ly learns of her secret past that dates back to Khmer Rouge. Sopeap teaches Sang Ly to read and the women develop an understanding relationship. The book demonstrates the importance of literacy and how it benefits the difficult existence of human life.

The book is dedicated to the "Power of hope, dreams, and second chances.

Sunday, July 9

*The Half Life of Ruby Fielding* by Lydia Kang

12:15 PM



Lydia Kang is an Omaha Internal Medicine physician and author. She has written mysteries and authored the non-fiction book, *Quackery: A Brief History of the Worst Ways to Cure Everything*.

*The Half Life of Ruby Fielding* is a historical mystery set in 1942 Brooklyn, New York. Siblings, Will and Maggie Scripps contribute to the stateside WWII efforts. Will seeks the Manhattan Project, and Maggie works at the Navy Yard. They discover a mysterious woman hiding under their back stairs and get drawn into her spell.

This novel has intrigue of mystery, wartime, and the Atomic Bomb.

## Men's Lunch

Thursday, June 15

Thursday, July 20

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation is \$10.00

Join us for lunch and a brief program. Please

RSVP by the Tuesday before to [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office so we know how many to plan for.



## House Painting for Low-Income Seniors

Are you a low-income Senior Homeowner or do you know one?

Seniors can get a free fresh coat of exterior paint on their homes on Saturday, August 19.

For more information call Leslie at Project Houseworks at 402-965-9201.



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

## Look What's Coming Up!

### Vacation Bible School

Welcomes all Superheros!

Held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church (510 N 93<sup>rd</sup> St)

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 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.

We hope to see all of you there for a SUPER good time. Please register here: <https://kountze.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



### 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](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org) by May 21 so

camp can receive payment in time for you to attend and we will take care of the rest. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity, and register today!

### 2023/2024 Confirmation

Grades 6 & 7

- If you have not already spoken with Pastor Shari about Confirmation classes beginning this fall, please call or e-mail for a time to meet with her.
- Please sign up for camp at the Springs from June 18 - 23. If you are not able to make it that week, any other week will work. Submit your invoice to Pastor Shari so the camp can receive payment in time for you to attend. (See Camp Week announcement above for registration instructions.)
- Confirmation Orientation is Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 PM with parents and students attending. Order of St. John training will end our time.



### Summer Youth Trip: Journey to DENVER



Thank you to those who sponsored our trip for this summer. We are grateful for your generous spirits. We will be joining with 130 others from around the state to make this trip together to Denver from July 10 - 15. We ask for your prayers as we prepare ourselves to journey with others and for during this week.



We will be holding a CPR/First Aid training course in June. All Ushers and Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend the training and the Church will take care of the registration fee which covers the training materials and certificates. All other members of the congregation are invited as well for a small fee of \$32.00. Training will take place in the lower level of Kountze Commons.

- The CPR class will be June 17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM with a light lunch following in the link.
- If we have more than six people signed up we will add a CPR class from 12:45 to 3:45 PM.
- The First Aid training will be Saturday June 24 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM (a light lunch will be served during training). The first aid training is free of charge for those attending the CPR classes on June 17.

Please RSVP to the Church office or you can email [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) to reserve your spot.





1. Charles Martis, Delaney Morgan, Justin Pestel, Jack Ruesch, Joyce Wachal
2. Rebecca Klemmensen, Jacqueline Lynch, Katie Wardell, Eric Westerman
3. Victoria Bratcher, Genevieve Micek
4. Gene Brady, Jocelyn Burt, Matthew Glasgow, Summer Kunkel, Taylor Morrow
5. Jim Reed, Toby Rees



6. Patricia Bressman, Libbie Diggins, Lawrence Storer, Matthew Traub, Olivia Weddell, Diana Wendt
7. Dianne Ratliff, John Schneiderman
8. Dulcinea Boesenberg, Linda Hirsh, Liz Pemberton
9. Zachary Bass, Judith Stuart, Shari Duminy
10. Patt Councill, Steven Duffield, John Kunz, Olivia Peterson, Margaret Weedman
11. Don Johnson, Jane Ross
12. Joan Amos, Susan Bass, Natalie Bass, Matt Coufal, Marvin Kovar, David Mayberry, Meryl Severson, Margarita Valquier
13. Brian Kooienga, Stephanie Schade
14. Dean Winther
15. Steve Amos, Michael Bailey, Ruth Hashberger, Lyle McFarland, Lynnette Mullins, Trevor Culbertson
16. Elizabeth Comfort, Marcy Madison, Boyd Nansel, Lawton Rees
17. Jim Brand, Sofie Di Lorenzo, Steve Jacobson, Wyatt Loucks, Kristina Pache, Elizabeth Snyder, Nicholas Fogleman, Elizabeth Broekemeier
18. Kathryn Allen, Nicole Campbell, Tootie Rohde, Matthew Brown
19. Linda Hammond, Amy McFarland, Nancy Meyer, Nathan Stier, Lisa Chinn, Bill McCoy
20. Maria Bang, Carl Falk, Jeba Inbarasu, Tim Laudenback, LeClare Steffen, Sara Worm, Richard Zaporowski
21. Colin Girthoffer, Linda Herrington, Frank-John Maaske
22. Jessica Olson, Peggy Glasser, Rudolf Kotula, Virginia Williams
23. Grace Albright, Jadon Costanzo, Heidi Wood
24. David Gardner, Phyllis Kuthan, Cindy Featherly-Lavelle, Charlie Cole
25. Judy Boelts, Hayden Fischer, Lynn Peterson
26. Jamee Bjerke, Tom Holcombe
28. Shirleen Collett, Penny Hovendick, Thomas McCarthy
29. Brian Miller, Robin Perkins, Betty Thomas, Douglas Weedman
30. Michael Bratcher, Nancy Nepodal

1. Kai-Di Johnson, Pam Reinke, Matthew Rudie, Stephen Sieberson, Jessica Kuthan
2. Dorothy Bossman, Diana John, Julie Milks, Nicole Neuschwanger, Laurie Pestel
3. Ethan Ferguson, Karen Sundell
4. Donald Burton, Amie James
5. Franklin Yates
6. Kristy Baker, Will Higa, Mackenzie Peterson, Tom Shields
7. Anne Dey, Ann Hadfield, Alexander Venn, Joshua Venn, Zachary Venn, Kayla Slaight
8. Nathan Gardner, Naomi Klein, Nichole Turgeon, Alex Hardy
9. Tom Irving
10. Gary Christiansen, Barbara Eckhorn, Cooper Erdman, Molly Gunia, Carl Hartmann, Tim Walker, Naomi Martin
11. Lorie Nielson, Rick Lienemann, Sarah Penn, Bridget Robbins, William Ryder
12. Scott Rowe, Joel Sacks, Nicholas Stephens, Hannah Workman
13. Steven Fonda, Kristen Gardner, Jean Johnson, Eva Reed, Pam Swanger, Katy Clarke
14. Patricia Muller
15. Allison Albright, Christy Edris, Rosemary Tessin, William Vawter, Robert Williams
16. Caleb Fili, Robert Nelson
17. Kelsey Ferry, Pr. Inba Inbarasu, Samuel Williams
18. Chad Wachholtz, Natasha Gartin
19. Jazmin Gardner, Margaret Georgeson, Katharine Schjodt, Orv Knapp, Keeley Porter, Barbara Smrkovsky, Dallas Schramm
20. Debbie Edris, Deb Fogleman, Judy Hamaker, Ruth Sayre, Richard Taylor
21. Nancy Falk, Bennett Bressman, Pat Edwards, Vicki Freeman, Alyssa Hansen, Isabel Sampson, Cynthia Whitmyre
22. Lawrence Harvey, Catherine Herzberg, Christine Manion
23. Parker Lefebvre
24. Kyrsten Rohmeyer
25. Rob Comfort, Kallie Egeland, Tim Holland
26. Dayle Johnson, Abbi Miranda Carreto, Megan Neill, Roxann Perrine
27. Carol Coffey, Tanya Kuenning
28. Melanie Bratcher, Linda Hoagland, Kelli Rolfsmeyer, Stu Sedlak, Vicky Jo Berlett
29. Charles Kocourek, Ashley Laudenback
30. Colleen Furjanic, Lee Johnson, Kimberly Merrill
31. Chloe Fischer, Aiden Girthoffer, Marilyn Larkowski, Melissa Petru, Carolyn Sieling, Sarah Storer, Louis Flake



## Pastoral Acts

(April 16 - May 15)

### Baptisms:

Greyson Joseph Bailes, April 16, 2023  
 Ayce Michael Svacina, April 23, 2023  
 Kambry Rae-Marie Svacina, April 23, 2023  
 Lincoln Alexander Mirch, April 30, 2023

### Funerals:

Dean Anderson, April 28, 2023  
 Lou Ann Weber, May 3, 2023  
 Pattie Neilson, May 6, 2023  
 Gene Buchholz, May 8, 2023

# CALENDAR



## June 1 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## June 2 Friday

Jun 2 - Jun 3 Synod Assembly  
5:00 PM Pantry

## June 3 Saturday

Homebound Communion  
5:00 PM Worship

## June 4 Sunday

Holy Trinity  
Homebound Communion  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

## June 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## June 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## June 7 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## June 8 Thursday

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

## June 9 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## June 10 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## June 11 Sunday

Pentecost 2  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
12:15 PM Book Group  
Jun 11 - Jun 14 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
VBS @ St. Timothy's

## June 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## June 13 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## June 14 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
12:00 PM Summer Confirmation  
12:15 PM Worship  
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese  
Manor  
6:00 PM Executive Committee

## June 15 Thursday

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

## June 16 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## June 17 Saturday

9:00 AM CPR Class  
5:00 PM Worship

## June 18 Sunday

Pentecost 3  
Father's Day  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

## June 19 Monday

Juneteenth  
10:00 AM Pantry

## June 20 Tuesday

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

## June 21 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## June 22 Thursday

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

## June 23 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Pantry

## June 24 Saturday

9:00 AM First Aid Class  
3:00 PM Arispe & Zambuto Wedding  
5:00 PM Worship

## June 25 Sunday

Pentecost 4  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

## June 26 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

## June 27 Tuesday

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

## June 28 Wednesday

12:00 PM Summer Confirmation  
12:15 PM Worship

## June 29 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## June 30 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## July 1 Saturday

Homebound Communion  
5:00 PM Worship

## July 2 Sunday

Pentecost 5  
Homebound Communion  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

## July 3 Monday

No Pantry

## July 4 Tuesday

Independence Day  
OFFICE CLOSED

## July 5 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

## July 6 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

## July 7 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

## July 8 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

## July 9 Sunday

Pentecost 6  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
12:15 PM Book Group

## July 10 Monday

Jul 10 - Jul 15 Summer Youth Trip to  
Denver  
10:00 AM Pantry

## July 11 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

## July 12 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
12:15 PM Worship  
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese  
Manor  
6:00 PM Executive Committee

## July 13 Thursday

# CALENDAR *cont'd.*

Council Reports Due	6:00 PM Congregation Council	<b>July 25 Tuesday</b>
9:30 AM WELCA Board	<b>July 19 Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Property Committee	12:00 PM Summer Confirmation	11:30 AM Endowment Board
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic	12:15 PM Worship	12:30 PM Circle 3
<b>July 14 Friday</b>	<b>July 20 Thursday</b>	<b>July 26 Wednesday</b>
Wedding Rehearsal	11:30 AM Men's Lunch	12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Pantry	4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic	<b>July 27 Thursday</b>
<b>July 15 Saturday</b>	6:00 PM Circle 5	1:00 PM Circle 4
Good News Deadline	<b>July 21 Friday</b>	4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
Hasenkamp & Frederick Wedding	5:00 PM Pantry	<b>July 28 Friday</b>
5:00 PM Worship	<b>July 22 Saturday</b>	5:00 PM Pantry
<b>July 16 Sunday</b>	Jul 22 - Jul 29 Holden Village Trip	<b>July 29 Saturday</b>
Pentecost 7	5:00 PM Worship	9:00 AM CJH Quilt Auction
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship	<b>July 23 Sunday</b>	5:00 PM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)	Pentecost 8	<b>July 30 Sunday</b>
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship	Pentecost 9
10:10 AM Adult Forum	9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
<b>July 17 Monday</b>	9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast	9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:00 AM Pantry	10:10 AM Adult Forum	9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board	<b>July 24 Monday</b>	10:10 AM Adult Forum
<b>July 18 Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM Pantry	<b>July 31 Monday</b>
9:00 AM Staff Meeting		10:00 AM Pantry
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group		

## Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 4/1/2023.....	\$1,981,970.40
Principal Payment, 5/1/2023 .....	\$6,948.07
Interest Payment, 5/1/2023.....	\$6,522.86
Balance, 5/1/2023 .....	\$1,975,022.33

## Finances: April, 2023

	<i>April</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 91,461.65</b>	<b>\$ 343,489.55</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mission Support:	\$ 8,611.00	\$ 8,611.00
Christian Education:	\$ 534.94	\$ 3,599.96
Facility Costs:	\$ 8,980.81	\$ 72,907.35
Staff Compensation:	\$ 53,947.28	\$ 217,299.55
Worship & Music:	\$ 8,314.03	\$ 17,535.43
Parish Life:	\$ 3,289.44	\$ 8776.18
Youth:	\$ 6,906.46	\$ 7,255.62
Office & Administration:	\$ <u>2,168.32</u>	\$ <u>23,517.93</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 92,752.00</b>	<b>\$ 359,503.02</b>

## Food Pantry Report

(1/1/2023 - 4/30/2023)

<b>Income:</b>	
Grants	\$ 2,775.00
Donations:	\$ 20,192.54
Memorials	\$ <u>4,966.33</u>
	\$ 27,933.87
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Grant Expense	\$ 2,994.81
<b>Regular Expenses</b>	
Aldi	\$ -
Costco	\$ 57.00
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$ -
Hy-Vee	\$ -
Dollar Tree	\$ 34.82
Family Fare	\$ 6,170.86
Food Bank	\$ -
Walmart	\$ 1,287.96
Sam's Club	\$ 825.64
Other	\$ <u>145.43</u>
	\$ 11,516.52
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,417.35</b>

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## Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

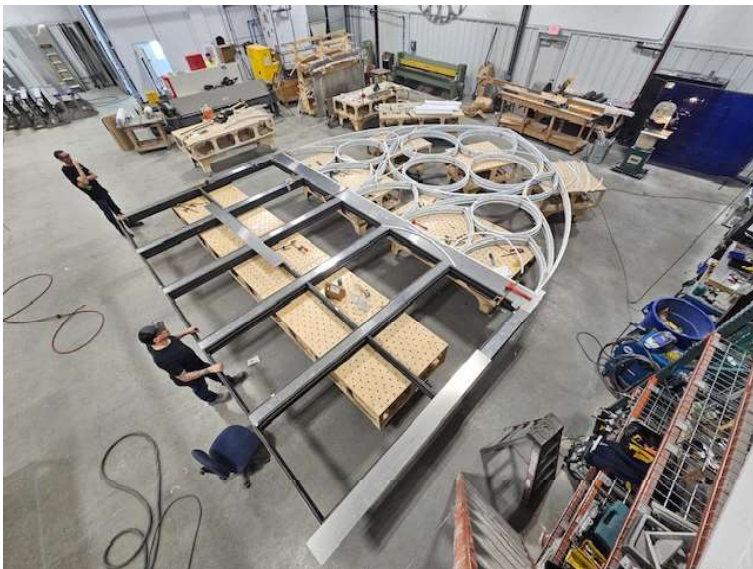
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

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

## Coming Soon!



The south window frame is nearing completion and Bovard has informed us they will be onsite the week of June 19!

## Sunday Morning Parking

While we are able to utilize the Methodist parking lot on the Northeast side of the building, we would like to designate this lot to accommodate those who have limited mobility in order to provide easier access to entrances for individuals who require it on Sundays.

If you do not have mobility issues and are physically capable, we kindly request that you refrain from using the Methodist parking spots. This would greatly assist those who rely on these spaces to access our facilities more conveniently.

By adhering to this request, we can create an environment where everyone feels welcome and respected. Your cooperation will contribute significantly to fostering an atmosphere of accessibility and understanding within our community.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter and your willingness to help us create an inclusive environment for all.

Please remember that the Methodist parking lot is not to be used at all by anyone Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.