

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

As I approach my last weeks at Kountze, I want you to know how much I have enjoyed these past 19 months with you! You welcomed me warmly, you sustained me with prayers during my illness and surgery, you celebrated with Mary Kay and me at our anniversary. I have appreciated your kind remarks after sermons and your willingness to help me and serve the congregation in many different ways. You have made this “Metho-Lutherist” pastor feel at home. It has been a great privilege to serve with you, and I am honored to have shared the journey with you. As Carol Burnett used to sing, “I’m so glad we had this time together.” I will keep you in my prayers, and I trust that you and Pastor Wynard will accomplish great things in your ministry together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

Pastor Lucy Wynard Called as Senior Pastor

On June 25, 20223, the congregation of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church voted to extend a Call to the Rev. Lucy Wynard to be its Senior Pastor. Pastor Wynard has accepted that call, effective September 1, 2023. Presently pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Beloit, Wisconsin, Pastor Wynard holds a BA in English and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She is a trained Mission Developer in the ELCA whose first call was a mission start congregation in Rockton, Illinois. She later served as interim pastor in a rural congregation, and currently serves a small, historic congregation in Beloit.

Prior to ordination, Pastor Wynard gained extensive experience in ministry and administration in a national ministry organization. She led a multinational team establishing Protestant Christian student groups in Belarus, then served as Program Manager for the annual Urbana Student Mission Convention. She also served as Assistant to the Dean of Students of Lutheran School of

Theology in Chicago.

Pastor Wynard grew up in a military family that moved between Nebraska and England during her formative years. She came to Lutheranism as an adult, and loves the sacramental, liturgical quality of worship and the “big-tent” identity of the ELCA that emphasizes our corporate identity as “church together for the sake of the world.” She is noted in her present congregation and synod for her excellence in preaching and teaching, pastoral compassion, and leadership in mission and community partnerships.

Pastor Wynard and her husband, Dan, who is also an ordained ELCA pastor, are the parents of two adopted teenagers. She describes herself as a passionate, collaborative leader who thrives in diverse settings – an extrovert who loves a deep theological conversation over Mexican, Indian, or Thai food and family game nights.

The Council is planning events to welcome Pastor Wynard, including a date for the installation service. They will share further information as plans are completed.



WORSHIP *with us...*

Worship Times

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

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

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

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings.

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 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.

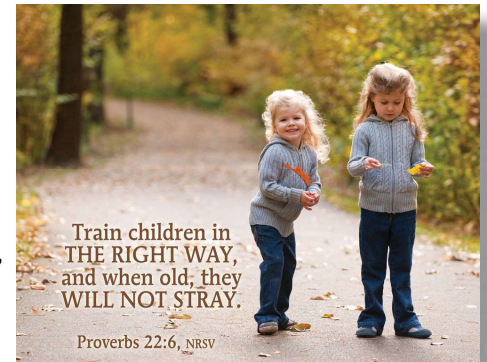
You can sign up for a date to provide flowers, eternal candle, and/or our television broadcast by signing up in the Narthex, calling the church office, going online to our giving page, or placing a check in the mail or offering plate marked "flowers, candle, or TV ministry. Please let us know if it is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

- August 6: Congregational Meeting
- August 13: Farewell to Pr. Steve
- August 20: Youth Trip Sharing
- August 27: Confirmation Reception & Holden Trip Sharing

Welcome Back BBQ Party

The Lutheran Center
Saturday, August 19, 2023
5:30-7:30 PM
535 N 16th St Lincoln NE 68508



Celebrate the start of the school year with a FREE BBQ!

There will be free food, free succulents, yard games, music, and time to just hang out with new and old friends. Stop on by anytime!



At Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, we commit ourselves to Worship, Grow, and Serve as we follow Christ. In addition to our own classes and opportunities for children, youth, and adults, we also have resources available through the Nebraska Synod. The Emmaus Lifelong Learning program invites people to engage in education around the Bible, Theology and Ethics, Lutheran Confessions, Church History and Worship taught and facilitated by a faculty of qualified pastors in the Nebraska Synod. Each quarter Emmaus offers a new schedule of classes and workshops – some in person and some online. You can get more information at <https://nebraskasynod.org/faith-in-action/emmaus/>

One online class in August and September focuses on a book by the popular spiritual teacher, Henri Nouwen, "The Return of the Prodigal Son." To learn more go to <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/the-return-of-the-prodigal-son-book-study/>

A workshop with Dr. Don Eisenhower in September focuses on dealing with loss in healthy ways. You may remember that Dr. Eisenhower spoke to our Adult Forum



Lift Your Voice in Song! Kountze Adult Choir

Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God and have fun together. Help us to continue making vibrant and beautiful music at Kountze. The adult choir will have its First meeting/rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The choir will return to the worship services on Sunday, September 10.

If you are interested in being a part of this important part of worship, we would be very glad to welcome you. Past singing experience in high school or college is helpful. If you want more information about choir or would like to join our choir, please contact Barb Carlsen in the church office at 402-341-7761.

Help Connect Students to Campus Ministry!



NEBRASKA
LUTHERAN
CAMPUS MINISTRY

It's almost time to head back to school! On college campuses across Nebraska and beyond, you can help

connect students to our Lutheran Campus Ministries! Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry has a contact and referral page: <https://nelcm.com/refer-a-student/> Please take a moment to help invite those you know to Christ! Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry locations include: Chadron State College, Creighton, UNK, UNL, SECC/Beatrice, Peru State, UNO, and Wayne State College. For more information or to make a gift of support, go to: www.nelcm.com.

and led the Grief Class last November. To learn more go to: <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/living-losses-facing-them-in-healthy-ways/>

ELCA Advocacy

Another resource for people interested in being active on social issues is ELCA Advocacy. A weekly blog provides information on a number of issues, public policies, and activities to equip people with knowledge and suggestions for action from the perspective of our Lutheran social teachings. Topics include homelessness and affordable housing, global health, clean energy, the climate crisis, and many others. To learn more: <https://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/>

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



The Pantry is always short of canned soup and peanut butter. If you want to donate these items, please leave them in the box in Fellowship Hall. We are also very short of volunteers on Friday evenings. The service is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive by 4:30.

If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer, please sign up at the link below:

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

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

Balance, 1/1/2022	\$	50,000.00	
Income:			
		<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>
Grants	\$	2,775.00	\$ 2,775.00
Donations:	\$	23,501.90	\$ 26,305.10
Memorials	\$	19,546.33	\$ 19,546.33
	\$	45,823.23	\$ 48,626.43
Expenses:			
Grant Expense	\$	2,994.81	\$ 2,994.81
Regular Pantry Expense			
Aldi	\$	-	\$ -
Costco	\$	57.00	\$ 57.00
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	-	\$ -
HyVee	\$	-	\$ -
Dollar Tree	\$	34.82	\$ 34.82
Family Fare	\$	6,170.86	\$ 6,170.86
Food Bank	\$	-	\$ -
Walmart	\$	1,287.96	\$ 1,287.96
Sam's Club	\$	825.64	\$ 825.64
Other	\$	665.43	\$ 745.10
Balance	\$	12,036.52	\$ 12,116.19

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

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 or reach out to Shannon Picha personally if interested in assisting.

Serving in Mission

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



Follow the link below to read their newsletter.
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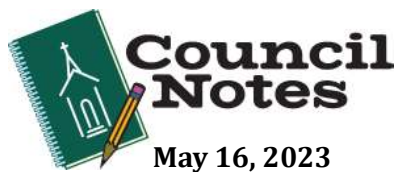
We also received a newsletter from Katie Larson, one of our seminarians, serving in Bogota, Colombia. Below is a link to Katie's newsletter.



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NEWS & Notes...



May 16, 2023

Meeting called to order. Devotions given by Pastor Griffith. Previous minutes approved as amended.

Financial Report given by Tim Backora and approved by Council. April expenses high, approx. \$18,000 YTD. Jacob Rump received a call re: a questionable check written on behalf of KMLC. New checking account has been opened.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. Sarah Jewell has given her notice, will be with KMLC through the end of July. Discussion of memorial gifts designated for Endowment, questions from Endowment Board regarding office procedures.

Committee reports given and approved by Council. Activities committee to pause Neighborhood Gathering this year.

Board reports given and approved by Council. Increase in children served at the food pantry. Clinic Board is having long-term plan discussions. The Executive Director of Kountze Commons job description is complete and ready to post.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Naming of Nominating Committee for annual election meeting in August. Nominating Committee: Melissa Osentowski, Steve Coufal, Pam Johnson, Julie O'Doherty, pending two additional. Will nominate one person to council, one to Endowment, formalize KCCOC Board.

General concerns: Shortage of handicapped stalls, Methodist Lot available on Sundays, remind congregation.

Council entered into closed session at 7:15 PM.

June 20, 2023

Meeting called to order. Devotions given by Bruce Nissen.

Previous minutes approved as amended. Meeting agenda adopted.

Financial Report given by Tim Backora via e-mail. Issues with QuickBooks per Noni, being resolved. Report received, approved.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. Jim Smejkal was present to give a report: Bovard is currently on-site installing frames, per Bovard, goal is to be finished within 4 weeks. Discussion regarding concrete repair vs replacement; KETV Board approved moving forward and paying their portion.

Committee reports given and approved by Council. Outreach has new members, meeting in the fall. Stewardship will meet. Windows rededication service committee met; will be expensive to pay for brass/music, discussion of costs of activities, will be September 10. No update from social ministry, archives, scholarship, personnel, worship & music.

Board reports given and approved by Council. Endowment: \$70,000 left in available funds for 2023.

Old Business. Review of constitutional voting rules regarding pastoral candidate vote this coming Sunday.

New Business. Motion to approve \$54,000 to spend on replacement of concrete in West parking lot and Methodist parking lots, sidewalks. Seconded and adopted.

Council entered into closed session at 7:15 PM.

Stained Glass Window Update:

As many of you have seen our beautiful stained-glass windows have returned. There is still some finish work that has to take place. They still need to make some final adjustments centering a couple of the windows in the frame, install two pieces of clear glass on the outside that had to be re-ordered and install the wood cladding on the inside. The company providing the wood cladding will be delivering a trailer of wood in the next couple of weeks so it can become acclimated to our building temperature and humidity. On August 21. Bovard Stained Glass Company, along with the wood trim supplier, will be onsite to make all the final adjustments and install the wood trim, rebuild the sill and box in the I-beam. All of this work is scheduled

to be completed by the end of the week (August 26).

You will want to mark your calendars for Sunday September 10 as we will be having a Stained-Glass Window Rededication Celebration with lots of activities. Watch for further details.





The Kountze Memorial Food Pantry Garden History by Chuck Campbell

In early 2007, a realtor friend of mine, Mike Jenkins, located an available plot of land that is owned by St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church. The church had never previously allowed the property to be used, but the new priest, Father Peter, was interested in community outreach and we happened to be in the right place at the right time. At the same time Pastor Schneider recommended the project to the Men's Group, and they approved of it and authorized paying for the water.

Drip irrigation lines were needed, and through a friend - Brian Kinghorn - an irrigation contractor was located that had just torn out thousands of feet of practically new irrigation lines. He even donated several bags of fittings to help get started.

Bob (since retired) at Acreage Fences sold the fencing to us at cost to provide a nice aesthetic and a little sense of security. The Big Garden augured some of the post locations.

A plumber and now friend, Brian Prince, installed the water line for far below cost.

It occurred to me that there were far too many things helping the project for it to be a coincidence.

The first year was occupied with putting in the fence, weeding, and mowing. Fence post installation was really frustrating due to a concentration of bricks in the soil from the remains of old house foundations that had been bulldozed. The garden was planted with a wide variety of plants, most of which had no chance of growing thanks to my mediocre gardening skills. The yield couldn't have been more than 1,500 pounds.

The second year, landscape fabric was added which was a huge improvement and a great work saver. The number of varieties was reduced, and yields improved. Over the next few years, occasional volunteer events were hosted, including adults to help plant vegetables, kids to plant flowers, and youth groups that really helped remove clutter and garbage. Hal Gillaspie was a huge help with picking many thousands of pounds of produce. In more recent years, Gordon Boe and Tootie Rohde have been the backbone of the picking.

Since very early on, Brian Kinghorn and his company Kinghorn Gardens, have done all of the tilling and plant debris haul-off in addition to horticultural advice and friendship.

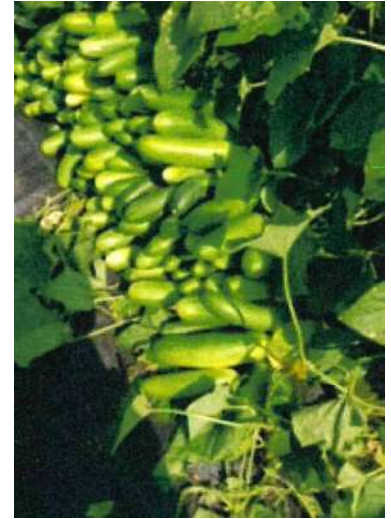
Every year has been a process of learning to simplify

and streamline. Currently, only cucumbers and tomatoes are grown, as they have been the most resilient and consistent producers. Over the past few years, the average production has been about 5,000-6,000 pounds per year.

There have been some funny, and not-so-funny, memorable moments over the years, including: - kids having tomato fights - a goat running around - being confronted by a Pitt Bull named Jasmine - having the tomato plants wiped out by hail - having 2/3 of the tomato plants wiped out by a thunderstorm - a visiting group of volunteers put in a day of work and then donated funds to pay for new landscape fabric - being the beneficiary of Charlie Campbell's Eagle Scout Project, which has drastically reduced weeds around the garden's perimeter - meeting some very interesting neighbors, - learning about all kinds of insects and plant diseases - having a section of the fence set on fire - having a huge tree cut down onto the fence - a TV news segment and website article referring to me as "pastor." Wow. Pastor Schneider even called to welcome me into the Brotherhood.

In summary, the garden has been, and is, a lot of very hard work, but is also very rewarding. The ability to provide fresh homegrown tomatoes and other produce has been a learning process, and not something very many people have the opportunity to do. The friendships have made tedious picking something to look forward to. The first was Hal, who was my steadfast partner for years. I remember him threatening to quit once when I accidentally planted some black plum plants. They seemed to yield hundreds of very small tomatoes every week and took forever to pick. Tootie Rohde, who Gordon and I nicknamed "Princess", was the constant recipient of ribbing and teasing, but brightened every morning she showed up complaining and giving us a hard time.

As the garden enters its 17th year and approaches



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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!

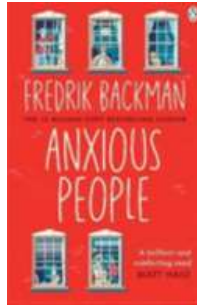
KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, August 13

12:15 PM

***Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman**



Fredrik Backman is a New York Times best selling author who lives in Stockholm, Sweden. His books focus on the essence of being human.

In *Anxious People*, the book begins with the quote, "This story is about a lot of things, but mostly idiots." A failed bank robbery ends on the event of the robber holding eight strangers hostage in an apartment building. These strangers all suffer from anxieties of life and are brought together by an unusual event and develop a relationship of friendship, forgiveness, and hope. The course of their lives is changed as they share their experiences and form a connection.

The book will make you laugh and cry as it creates a story of humor and heartbreak, which is a trademark of Fredrik Backman.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, August 17

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation is \$10.00

Join us for lunch and a brief program. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 15 to 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.



Cards with Friends

Thursday, August 3

2:00 PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time together playing cards. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share.

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100,000 pounds of produce grown, it's important to remember that it never would have happened without Pastor Schneider, the Men's Group, Mike Jenkins, Brian Prince, Brian Kinghorn, Acreage Fence, Hal Gillaspie, Gordon Boe, and Tootie Rohde. It has been a great Blessing.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

On August 13, the youth of Kountze will be stuffing backpacks with school supplies for pantry guests headed back to school and we need your help. We are looking for all the necessities to make the school year great. Please bring boxes of crayons, glue sticks or bottles, pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, rulers, pencil boxes or cases, and, of course, backpacks. Please leave the supplies in the box at the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall. Your support is appreciated!

All youth are invited to prepare the backpacks on Sunday, August 13, after the 9:00 AM service. We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge.

Kountze supports students and their teachers!



Sunday, August 20

All students, teachers, professors, and support staff are invited to bring their backpack for a special blessing for the upcoming school year along with a token to remind them of God's love and the congregations support throughout the year.

Summer Youth Trip Time of Sharing

Sunday, August 20
Adult Forum - 10:10 AM

The 6 Journey to Denver participants will be sharing their experience on the NE Synod Service Journey that happened during the 2nd week of July. Come and hear about the service, social and spiritual aspects of the journey and what we learned about God, each other and ourselves.



Summer Affirmation of Faith

Sunday, August 27
11:00 AM

Youth affirming their faith are: Marah McDougal, Tye McDougal, and Mia Valquier. They will be introduced during forum that day, along with Faith Sponsors: Darlene Anderson, Thomas Jensen, and Mert Wieble, who attended class and shared their faith. You are encouraged to bring a card to share your congratulations with these youth, as they continue in the faith journey.



Confirmation Orientation and OSJ Training Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, August 30
6:00 PM

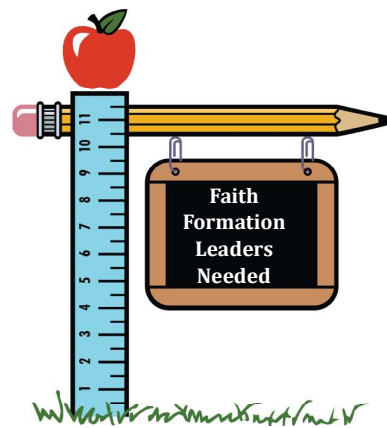
We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge for a meal and orientation for the Confirmation Learning year. Then we will go to the Nave for OSJ training with Robin and Jeff Perkins. Please let Pastor Shari know that you will be attending.



Sunday, September 10

All youth are invited to participate in the celebration of praise for both the rededication of the stained glass windows and the upcoming year of Faith Formation which begins the following Sunday, September 17.

Faith Formation Leaders are Needed



If you are interested in supporting the youth of Kountze by leading a class, please contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org. All lessons are scripted and supplies provided. Teachers lead on a rotation schedule, allowing for weeks off. Be the difference in our youngest member's relationship with God and give of your time and talents.



Children's Choir



**From: Barb Carlsen, Children
Choir Director**
Beginning Sunday, September 10
9:15 AM (following 9 AM
Children's Blessing)
2nd Floor Sunday School Music
Room
Grades K-5 - Choir
Grades 6-8 - Director Assistants

Barb Carlsen is excited to have another opportunity to work with your talented children

this year. She has 35 years of experience as a music teacher and enjoys working with young people.

All children in grades K-5 are encouraged to sing in our Children's Choir. Students in grades 6-8 who would like to be involved may participate as Director Assistants. Director Assistants will help the director lead and assist the younger children in singing the music, working with children on their speaking parts for the Christmas program, and adding instruments to our choral singing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Barb in the church office at 402-341-7761.

CAMP WEEK June 18 - 23

Watch for camp week 2024! Early Bird Registration begins in January. Don't miss it! Be sure to invite your friends to go to camp too.



VBS 2023

A great time was had by all!

Mark your calendars now for VBS July 7-10, 2024 to be held at Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church!



CALENDAR



August 1 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Endowment Board

August 2 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 3 Thursday

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

August 4 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

August 5 Saturday

Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Worship

August 6 Sunday

Pentecost 10
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 - Cong. Mtg.



August 7 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 8 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 9 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
4:00 PM Executive Committee

August 10 Thursday

Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Youth Board

August 11 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

August 12 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

August 13 Sunday

Pentecost 11
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

August 14 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 15 Tuesday

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

August 16 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 17 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5
6:00 PM Worship & Music

August 18 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

August 19 Saturday

2:30 PM Sanctuary in use
5:00 PM Worship

August 20 Sunday

Pentecost 12
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

August 21 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 22 Tuesday

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

August 23 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 24 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Faith Formation

August 25 Friday

9:00 AM Fellowship Hall in use
5:00 PM Pantry

August 26 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

August 27 Sunday

Pentecost 13
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

August 28 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 29 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 30 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 31 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

Coming in September



September 1

September 1-30

September 4

September 10

September 24-26

Pastor Lucy Wynard begins her ministry at Kountze Memorial

Register grades 1-6 for Explore! Day Retreat (10/7)

Labor Day - office and pantry closed

Rally Sunday, rededication of stained glass windows

Unfinished Objects Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp



1. Joe Councill, Owen Johnson
2. Kimberly Brunk, Jim Hansen, Scott Henneman, Susan Hinrichs, Barrett Hinrichs
3. Michele Bang, Julia Maaske, Matthew Martens, Lillian O'Kane, Gail Marcum
4. Donna Nimerichter, Shawn Peterson, Zachary Phillips, Terri Rohmeyer
5. Jason Brunk, Linda Comfort, Janice Gleason, Gary Moller, Laci Mulick
6. Ellen Day, Candace Edris, Laura Klein
7. Debbie Bogue, Robert Grinnell, Sara Harvey, Harrison Weddell, Kay Wise
8. Betty Callies, Bev Falk, Sonya Hamaker, Jared Jensen, Tarna Kidder, Ron Muchmore, Nancy Tunzer
9. Jared Clanton, Martha Eckmann, Emily Hagge, Sally Linquist, David Nelson
10. John Askew, Jinette Cswercko, Deb Hinrichs, JoDee Horacek, Bobbie Powell, Darlene Tuite, Maria Watts, Franklin Yates
11. Riley Heimes, Molly Hosch-Hill, Noelle Phelps, Dale Spier, Amy Studts, Samantha Waller, Phyllis Gibson
12. Susan Darr, Bill McKeeman
13. Vonn Milks, Kimberly Nelson, Vickie Soukup, Duane Henneman
14. Jennifer Bunge, Rachel Thokala, William Tunzer
15. Emily Kirkvold
16. Jill Bruckner, George Hansen, Zane Schramm
17. Charles Darr, Paul Morrow, Angelia Reimers, Jillian Setterburg, Jody Stier
18. Sherri Hannon, Kyle Nelson, Richard Nelson
19. Ainsley Christensen, Jessica Fajen, Brian Hadfield, Tara Whitley
20. Gordon Jensen, Emma Maaske, Sheila Valquier
21. Melinda Kant, Steve Kirkvold
22. Lindsay Sadlemyer, Traci Stephens
23. Marjean Gillaspie, Steven Hansen, Clara Kidder, Ann Miller
25. Kelly Hinrichs, Anthony Bonacci
26. Stephanie Christensen, Chris Link, Sue Toelle
27. Laura Gardner
28. Katherine Allyn, James Anderson, Maisy Fletcher, Gloria Ruesch
29. Lydia Baum, Taylor Dixon, Diane Jones, Jodi Winther
30. Larry Allison
31. Colleen Lenner, Bill Poulsen, Ken Wise

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance 5/1	\$1,975,022.33	6/1	\$1,867,840.97
Principal Payment 5/15	100,000.00	7/1	\$6,994.57
Principal Payment 6/1	\$7,181.36	7/1	6,476.36
Interest Payment 6/1	\$6,522.86	7/1	\$1,860,846.40
Balance 6/1	\$1,867,840.97		

Finances: May & June, 2022

	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund			
Income:	\$ 86,294	\$ 68,523	\$ 498,099
Expenses:			
Mission Support:	\$ 8,611	\$ 8,611	\$ 25,833
Christian Education:	\$ 358	\$ 1,553	\$ 5,511
Facility Costs:	\$ 11,073	\$ 13,296	\$ 97,277
Staff Compensation:	\$ 54,268	\$ 51,782	\$ 323,349
Worship & Music:	\$ 3,336	\$ 1,923	\$ 22,794
Parish Life:	\$ 641	\$ 945	\$ 10,362
Youth:	\$ 399	\$ 113	\$ 7,768
Office & Administration:	\$ 4,200	\$ 5,550	\$ 32,931
Total Expenses:	\$ 82,886	\$ 83,772	\$ 525,825

Pastoral Acts

(May 16 - July 15)

Baptisms:

Noa Corinne Arnio, June 18, 2023
 Jair Antonio Corona, June 18, 2023

Weddings:

Nathan Gifford & Olivia Murphy,
 May 20, 2023
 Domenic Zambuto & Angie Arispe,
 June 24, 2023
 Paul Frederick & Christie Hasenkamp,
 July 15, 2023

Funerals:

James Tunzer, May 19, 2023
 Debbie Donahoe, July 8, 2023

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

Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is
televised live on Cox channel 13
and live streamed on our website at
<https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/> (you may watch the live-stream any time)

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



GO AND...SHARE YOUR STORY

Children freely share their stories – often full of actions, sound effects, and details (sometimes minute) that bring a story to life. We all have a story to share: stories of families, friendships, histories, and faith. We connect the dots and see our connections.

Questions to Consider:

- When was the last time you listened to a child tell a story? What did you hear?
- What is a biblical story that connects with your own story?
- What is your story? Where are you GOING to share your story?

Prayer: Creator God, our story starts and ends with you. Give us the wisdom to see where and how we might share our stories and the courage to share them. Amen.

Suggested Song: Jesus Loves Me (ELW 595)

Learn More at nebraskasynod.org/go-and/

Ready, Set, Go! In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to GO. We are taking those words to heart.

The Nebraska Synod is embarking on a year-long focus to “Go and...” beginning with the 2023 Synod Assembly. We invite you to be part of this call to GO! During Synod Assembly, we will lean in as God’s people called, gathered, and sent to “Go and...”.

Together, all 90,000 of us, will be focused on responding to Christ’s sending in the Great Commission, to Go and..., and to really live out the joy and hope of Pentecost!