

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

If you have been in church very long, you probably have your own associations with the word “stewardship”. It’s one of those churchy terms that comes loaded with baggage for some of us. But I **love talking about stewardship – let me tell you why.** Because stewardship for me is a shorthand way to describe the day-to-day practical side of my faith. It’s what I DO with all that God has given me – my giftedness and experiences in life, my mind and my voice and my vote, my time and my finances. It feels empowering to be a steward, and I have found it to connect me to my faith in ways that make it stronger and more joyful.

This year I am looking forward to the “Stewardship Season” at Kountze because it gives me a great chance to get to know us better – as a congregation, with all our ministries and activities, and as individual disciples within this community, to learn more about what excites and motivates you to be connected here at Kountze. **All year long** – from Synod Assembly in June of 2023 to Synod Assembly 2024 – **the Nebraska Synod, ELCA is focusing on a theme of “Go and...”, which invites us all to reflect deeply and imagine what new ways of being church, here and now, might mean.** You may have noticed that

the Good News each month includes a short blurb on a “Go and...” theme, questions for your reflection, and a prayer. I encourage you to take a few minutes to pause each month and engage that material. And over the next 6 weeks or so at Kountze, as you hear Stewardship Temple Talks and receive a letter from your Stewardship Team about what it means to **“Go and... Be Kountze”** – I invite you to pause and consider. What does it mean to you to be a part of this faith community? **What more would you like it to mean? How is God calling you to engage your faith, here and now?**

Thank you for being the church you are, Kountze. My family has felt your kindness, neighborliness, joy, and generosity already. We are excited to find the various ways our gifts and experiences fit in this new community. **I hope you will join me this fall in reflecting together on what adventures God has for us ahead – that’s what I hope our Stewardship Season is truly about.**

Blessings,

Pastor Leuy

Stewardship 2024

Sunday, October 1

Join us for breakfast and a Stewardship Preview in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 AM.



GO AND BE ...



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 from 8:45 AM until 12:00 PM as well as other Occasional Special Church Services.

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



Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



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

website. Go to www.kmlchurch.org and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze or sponsor a television broadcast if you wish. This is a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one who has passed away, celebrate a special anniversary or milestone, or can be given in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the church bulletin on the weekend you select.

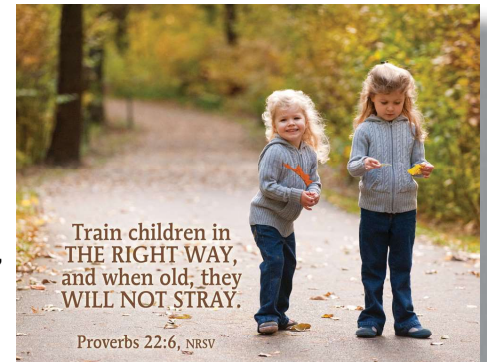
Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

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



Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available. We also have a room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.



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GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

- October 1: Preview of Stewardship Program
- October 8: The Gospel of Matthew and Judaism
- October 15: Introducing the New Director of Kountze Commons (tentative)
- October 22: Fellowship - Celebrate our New Senior Pastor
- October 29: Intergenerational Faith Activities

New Member Classes

October 1 & 8
10:15 AM



If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial and the possibility of becoming a member of our congregation, please consider joining our new member classes on October 1 and 8 (please plan to attend both classes). New members will be received on Sunday, October 15. Please

call the church office if you have questions and to let us know you plan to attend.

St. Francis of Assisi's Peacemaker Service

Wednesday, October 4
7:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (113 North 18th St.)

We have been invited to participate in this simple service that will focus on St. Francis' inspiration as a peacemaker.

Our choir will be participating in the service.



come grow with us!

GRIEF SEMINAR

Sunday, November 5

12:15 - 1:30 PM

Fellowship Lounge

We will join with The Rev. Ruth Tomlinson, a trained facilitator of Walking The Mourner's Path. She will assist us in claiming the story of the ones who have died.

A light meal will be served for our time together. Please register with the church office with your intent to attend by November 1 so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

Women and Gender in Luke/Acts

Led by Dulcinea Boesenberg

Thursdays, October 5 to
November 2

6:30-7:30 PM

October 5 - Male-Female Pairs in
the Gospel of Luke

In the Gospel of Luke, unlike in the other Gospels, stories of men are paired with stories of women. We will consider what these pairings suggest about Luke's view of men and women.

October 12 - Women's Speech in Luke vs. Acts

In the Gospel of Luke, men speak more often than women, but women do speak. In the Acts of the Apostles, women's speech is almost nonexistent. We will consider why this might be the case and the effect of this shift.

October 19 - Women's Service and Men's Ministry

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus comes not to be served, but to serve, and women are examples of this service. In the Acts of the Apostles, service refers to ministry and is restricted to men. We will consider why this might be the case and the effect of this shift.

October 26 - "Appropriate" Roles for Women in the Roman Empire

Though there appears to be a tightening of women's roles between the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, women are part of the church in Acts. We will consider how Luke presents women in roles that were considered socially appropriate in the Roman Empire.

November 2 - Marriage and Childbearing in the Roman Empire

Very few of the members of the church in Acts are said to be married, and some who are married are denigrated by comparison with those who are single. We will consider why this might be given the legal and social pressures in the Roman Empire to marry and bear children.



SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



Thank-you to everyone who donated toilet tissue to the Kountze Food Pantry. It really helps our guests to have hygiene products. This month we are having a soup drive! Please consider picking up a can or two when you shop and place them in Pantry donation box in the Fellowship Hall. As

always, we are in need of volunteers, especially on Friday evenings. You can sign up at the following link or contact Susie Henry at susannfrances@kmlchurch.org

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

Food Pantry Report (1/1/2023 -8/31/2023)

Income:

Grants	\$	2,775.00
Donations:	\$	32,831.82
Memorials	\$	<u>19,696.33</u>
	\$	55,303.15

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	2,994.81
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Regular Expenses

Aldi	\$	-
Costco	\$	443.82
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	-
Hy-Vee	\$	-
Dollar Tree	\$	34.82
Family Fare	\$	6,371.45
Food Bank	\$	-
Walmart	\$	1,747.45
Sam's Club	\$	825.64
Other	\$	<u>1,293.94</u>
	\$	13,711.57

Balance \$ **41,591.59**



Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's Thanksgiving Day, November 23 (11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)



Kountze Memorial provides and cooks the turkeys for this dinner each year. We need 2 or 3 someones to help with cleaning the turkies, cutting vegies, and getting the turkeys ready to go into the oven on the Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning before Thanksgiving. Working in the kitchen is always fun and a great way to get to know others that you may only see on Saturday or Sunday while at church. Please let Jim Smejkal (jim@kmlchurch.org) or the church office know if you're able to join us in the kitchen.

A sign-up sheet to help set up, bring pies, or serve on Thanksgiving will be in bulletins in November.

Worship Assistants

Ushers

Greet and welcome members and visitors as they arrive for worship, provide them with bulletins, assist with seating if necessary, gather the gifts to bring forward at the offertory, guide worshippers to Holy Communion, and stand ready to assist in any way necessary.

Communion Assistants

Trained leaders assist the pastors in the distribution of the sacrament at the Lord's Supper. Communion Assistants schedule themselves by using SignUp Genius.

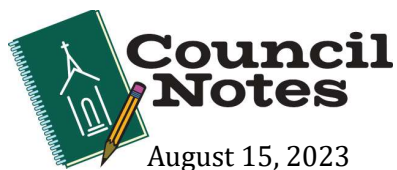
Lectors

Trained lectors read the Old Testament and New Testament lessons at the Eucharist, lead the responsive reading of the Psalm when it is not sung, and read select scripture lessons at special services. Lectors schedule themselves by using SignUp Genius.

We invite you to become an integral part of our church community by volunteering as a Worship Assistant. As a Worship Assistant, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to the uplifting and transformative experience of worship, whether through reading scripture, assisting with communion, or participating in other vital roles. It's a chance to deepen your own faith journey and actively play a role in fulfilling our church's mission to Worship, Grow, and Serve. Training will be provided if you chose Join us in this enriching and purposeful service.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Jim Smejkal at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org. We can use your help at all three services.

NEWS & Notes...



August 15, 2023

Meeting called to order. Previous minutes approved. Meeting agenda adopted.

Financial report for July to come in September.

Staff reports given and approved by Council. Anthony Bonacci was hired as the administrative assistant in the office. Jim Smejkal reported to Pastor Griffith that water was found in the attic, following up with Holland/other teams. More info to come.

Committee reports given and approved by Council. Congregational Activities Committee is attempting to find dates for picnic, tentatively September 24. Council Retreat will meet with Mary Lee Brock to plan. Food Pantry averaging 1,000 served per week. Global Mission Committee: Rev. Robert and Kathy Moore are going to finish in Germany; will be asking Endowment for \$5,000 to send to the American Church in Berlin; working on visibility in our community; Melissa will be stepping into a leadership role in this committee. Media & Technology: continued progress on website. Outreach Committee: two new members. Personnel did not meet. Property did not meet. Social ministry did not meet. Stewardship: will be ordering magnets, October 22nd will be commitment Sunday. Worship & Music did not meet. Window Dedication/Celebration Committee: see task force hand out; discussion of mailing postcards. Motion to approve a budget for the Window Dedication/Celebration up to \$10,000, CARRIED. Youth: see minutes, fundraisers for New Orleans Youth Gathering to come.

Board reports given and approved by Council. DeFreese Manor: identified members. Endowment: approved all grant applications (WELCA, NLOM, Table Grace); money disbursed to reimburse Pr. Lucy and family for moving costs. Medical Clinic: increase in patients; money has been moved to Dundee Bank, improved interest, money went to MIF as well. KETV did not meet. KCCOC: two candidates interviewed for ED position, goal for Pr. Wynard to meet with them before moving forward with offers.

Old Business. Motion to move commission Edie Bailey LLP to conduct a financial review, CARRIED. Motion that the Council endeavor to plan and budget for regular financial reviews every 2-4 years by an appropriate external firm, CARRIED. Installation tentatively to be the beginning of October.

Pumpkins and Piano!

Women's Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 14

11:00 AM

Join us for musical entertainment by **Ray Williams. A light lunch will be served. Reservations requested by October 9 please.**

Bring a friend! Hope to see you then.



Reformation

Sunday, October 29

We invite you to wear **RED** for the day as we celebrate our Lutheran Heritage and ponder the important work of theologian Martin Luther and those who continue the work that salvation comes to us in grace through faith in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.



Installation of Rev. Lucy Wynard

October 21 and 22



congregation's story.

Rev. Lucy Wynard is installed as our new Senior Pastor. Pastor Greg Berger, Assistant to the Bishop, will be with us to preach and lead the installation rite. We rejoice together in this new chapter in our

Following the Saturday evening service there will be a potluck time of food and fellowship with Pastor Lucy.

Join us Sunday at 10:10 as we celebrate this time with a cake reception.

Council Notes, cont'd

New Business. Final meeting of this council. Melissa Osentowski's second term is complete and this is her final meeting. Pastor Griffith's final meeting with us is also tonight.

Request of Change of Call for Pr. Shari was discussed and Council entered into Closed Session.

Thank you from Windows Celebration Task Force Chairman, Bruce Nissen

I would like to thank the following members of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church and the local businesses that helped make our Celebration/Rededication of the stained-glass windows such a success. This event could not have happened without their dedicated spirit, ideas, planning, and a lot of hard work.

Members of the Windows Celebration Task Force:

Pastor Ashley Hall
Pastor Shari Duminy
Judy Boelts
Barb Carlsen
Jeff and Robin Perkins
Jim Smejkal
Don Zinnecker
Tim Backora
Barb Nissen
Jacque Johnson
Janet Campbell

Kountze Staff Members:

Debbie Bogue
Jim Smejkal
Louis Flake
Barb Carlsen
Kristin Boe
Mark Jones
The Kountze Choir
The Kountze Brass

Special Volunteers:

Darlene Anderson
Michelle Eakins
Faith Klein
Audrey Klein
Laura Klein
Chad and Shannon Picha

Special Recognition:

Jonna and Tim Holland (coloring book)
Ethan Jones (graphic design youth shirt)

Windows Walk Tour Guides

Myrna Esler
Carol Stoltenberg
Judi Bergjord
Pam Johnson

These local business:

Brad Madison and the entire staff at Center Trophy
Taylor Elman and staff at Elman Print
The Cake Gallery
eCreamery Ice Cream & Gelato

The congregation of Kountze Memorial would like to thank Bruce Nissen and the Window Celebration Task Force for their hard work in making this event such a fun day.



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

If you are at the 11:00 AM service and know of someone who would like to be remembered in this way, please take one of the bouquets to them. If you attended another service but would like to deliver flowers, please call the church office on Monday to see if they are still available.

Your help is appreciated!

Blessing of the Animals

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

701 N 40th Street

Saturday, October 7

Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 (\$8)

Music and Socializing at 10:30 AM

Blessing at 11:00 AM

Saint Cecilia Cathedral will host an outdoor celebration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets (dogs on a leash please) to the Cathedral front steps and join in

this delightful event for all creatures great and small.

Pr. Hall will again be participating the "Blessing of the Animals" that occurs with the clergy of St. Cecilia's and Trinity Episcopal as part of the St. Cecilia's Cathedral Fest. Bring your pet/pets and join in the fun!



Cards with Friends



Thursday, October 5

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, October 8

12:15 PM



***The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki**

This is the ninth novel written by best selling author, Allison Pataki. It is historical fiction about Marjorie Merriwether Post, a woman of American Royalty, becoming the wealthiest woman in the United States before she was thirty years old. She was the daughter of C. W. Post, founder of the Post Cereal Company that grew into the General Foods empire of which Marjorie became it's leader through inheritance.

Marjorie has led an intriguing life from gluing labels on post cereal boxes as a child in Battle Creek, Illinois, a cycle of four marriages and divorces, mother of three daughters, one becoming actress Dira Merrill, wife to the Ambassador of the Soviet Union in the 1930's and acquiring a collection of Russian artwork and jewelry which was willed to the Smithsonian. She outran Nazi's in London, served soup to hungry people during The Great Depression, and greeted and hosted U. S. Presidents and their wives. This is a novel of a strong woman in American History.

New members are welcome as we "rally" into a new year of exciting reading. Reading boosts brain power. Please join us!

Men's Lunch

Thursday, October 19

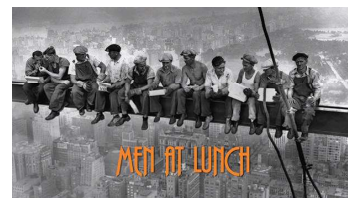
11:30 AM

Suggested Donation is \$10.00

Join us for Oktoberfest!

Please sign up Tuesday, October 17 by calling the church office or emailing jim@kmlchurch.org. Bring a friend.

Who knows what Jim will have on the menu but it's sure to be good!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!



Sunday School
Ages 2 yr-6th gr
Sundays, 10:10 AM

We are learning about Jesus calling the disciples to follow him and do God's work. Through six rotation lessons in art, games, science, storytelling, cooking, and missions, the students will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others. Jesus' choice of followers surprised some people, but Jesus was showing that anyone could follow him and do God's work. That includes the youngest members of Kountze!

If you haven't registered your child yet, you can register online using the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/FaithFormation>

Children's Choir

Sundays, 9:10 AM
(following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)
2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room
Grades K-6 - Choir

Join Barb Carlsen on the 2nd floor in the Sunday School Music Room



October 7, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Carol Joy Holling Camp
\$25 per youth—includes meals

If your child is missing camp or has never been to camp, Explore! gives them the perfect opportunity to experience a day of adventure. Every Explore! Day Retreat is different, so first-time and long-time participants can both join in the fun as we focus on environmental education, fellowship, and faith! Go to <https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore> with questions or for more information. Registration will end on 10/5/2023 at 10:00 AM

Beignet Breakfast Fundraiser
for National Youth Gathering
Sunday, October 8

The Second Sunday Breakfast will be a little different in October. Instead of pastries, there will be homemade beignets made by the youth along with mini quiches and yogurt.



All free will offerings for this breakfast will be going to support the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans.

First Communion Classes

Sundays, October 15 & 22
12:15 PM (following the 11:00 AM service)



Has your child expressed curiosity about Communion? We will be holding First Communion classes on October 15 and 22, following the second service. Children in second grade are encouraged to attend these sessions.

A light lunch will be served for parents and student. First communion will be on October 29 at the 9:00 AM service.

To register, email Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 29

Children ages 2 and 4, and in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 will receive age appropriate Bibles at the 9:00 AM service.

Please make sure you have your students registered so that they receive their Bibles. Sign them up on line with the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/SundaySchool>



Intergenerational Faith Activities

Sunday, October 29



The Sunday School students will be presenting their lessons during Fellowship time. Join us to see what the youngest members of Kountze have been studying the last 6 weeks.

Youth Forum

Grades 7 - 12
10:10 AM

On Sunday mornings, grab your breakfast and join us in the Youth Room.

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| Oct. 1 | Exploring Faith and Current Events |
| Oct. 8 | Serving Beignet Breakfast |
| Oct. 15 | Bible Study |
| Oct. 22 | Games |
| Oct. 29 | Intergenerational Learning in the Fellowship Hall |



Confirmation Program



A joint Confirmation Program for 7th and 8th graders meets at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at 93rd and Dodge. Our class time this fall, will include exploring the Bible and the Lord's Prayer. We are grateful to gather with the youth and pastors from St. Timothy's, Lord of Love, Luther Memorial, and Augustana Lutheran Churches in our learning about the faith and affirming our baptism.

Middle School Retreat

November 10-12, 2023

Grades 6-8

Carol Joy Holling Camp



This retreat will serve as a good reminder to campers who attended camp about the things they learned during their time there and how they can continue to implement those lessons into their lives. For campers who may not have been able to attend camp, this retreat will serve as a way for them to experience camp in a condensed and meaningful way. Along with the lessons we will learn about God's love and faithfulness, we will also be experiencing some favorite camp activities, God's creation, and of course, fellowship! Cost is \$100.00. Register at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/ms-retreat>

The Lutheran Youth of Nebraska (LYON)

Assembly

November 17-19, 2023

Carol Joy Holling Camp near Ashland, NE!

Grades 9-12 and Their Adult Leaders.



What does it mean to Go and... Be Honest? How does honesty impact our understanding of history, scripture, relationships, values and our work as advocates? Deacon Ross Murray will be our guide as we explore what it means to live into our individual call to serve as advocates. Workshops will help you hone your skills as an advocate for others and for issues that are important to you. And with Bishop Scott Johnson we will learn how we the church Go and... be honest mindful of and honoring the diversity of church and the communities where we dwell. Esther and Nicodemus will be our Biblical role models for the weekend.

Register by October 27 at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/lyon-2023/>

2024 Summer Youth Trip

ELCA Youth Gathering

All 8th - 12th graders are invited to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering that will be taking place in New Orleans



from July 16 - 20, 2024 with travel days on each end. Registration forms with a \$150.00 deposit will need to be returned by October 10. The total cost will be \$500.00 per individual, scholarships are available. The rest of the cost will be covered by the congregation and through our NOLA awareness efforts. Mark your calendars to help with these events:

Oct. 8	Beignet Breakfast
Advent	Envelope Sponsor Tree
Feb. 18	Cajun Meal and Music Bingo from 4:30 to 6:00 PM
March 31	Easter Breakfast
May 12	Beignet Breakfast



Upcoming Youth Events

Elementary:

Oct. 7	Explore Day Retreat for 1-6 Graders at Carol Joy Holling Camp
Nov. 19	Thanksgiving Pantry Bags

7 & 8 Graders:

Nov. 10-12	Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp
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High School:

Oct. 8	Beignet Breakfast Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering
Oct. 8	7:00 PM - Hollywood Candy's Haunted House
Nov. 12	5:00 PM - Friendsgiving
Nov. 17-19	NE Synod LYON Assembly at Carol Joy Holling Camp

ELCA Young Adult Gathering

Young Adults (19-25-year-olds)

July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans



An ELCA Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Each group will have separate daytime offerings followed by a joint Evening Program.

As this is a new event, plans are still being made. For more info or to register, go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>

We hope you will consider attending this event. Please contact Pr. Shari or the church office if you are interested in attending.

CALENDAR



October 1 Sunday

Pentecost 18
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 Faith Formation Hour
10:15 AM New Member Class

October 2 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

October 4 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy
7:00 PM Peacemaker Service
(Trinity Episcopal)

October 5 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Women and Gender in
Luke/Acts Bible Study

October 6 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 7 Saturday

9:00 AM Explore! Day Retreat
11:00 AM Blessing of the Animals
(St. Cecilia Cathedral)
5:00 PM Worship

October 8 Sunday

Pentecost 19
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 Faith Formation Hour
10:15 AM New Member Class
12:15 PM Book Group

October 9 Monday

Columbus Day (Observed)
10:00 AM Pantry

October 10 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

October 11 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese
6:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

October 12 Thursday

Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Women and Gender in
Luke/Acts Bible Study

October 13 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 14 Saturday

11:00 AM Women's Fall Gathering
5:00 PM Worship

October 15 Sunday

Pentecost 20
Good News Deadline
Receive New Members
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 Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM First Communion Class

October 16 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 17 Tuesday

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

October 18 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

October 19 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5
6:30 PM Women and Gender in
Luke/Acts Bible Study

October 20 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 21 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship
6:00 PM Installation Celebration
Potluck

October 22 Sunday

Pentecost 21
Blessing of Quilts
Pr. Lucy Installation
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 Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM First Communion Class

October 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 24 Tuesday

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

October 25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

October 26 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Women and Gender in
Luke/Acts Bible Study

October 27 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 28 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 29 Sunday

Reformation
Bible Sunday
First 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 Faith Formation Hour

October 30 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
11:30 AM Endowment Board

October 31 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting



1. Larry Camenzind, Meghan Gunia, Duane Hovendick, Steven Lamphere, Mason Szymczak, Darlene White
2. Ardell Hobscheidt, Rodney Edwards
3. Dana Boden, Cody Hiatt, Lois Reinke, Neal Von Seggern
4. Joshua Burt, Emilia Dietrich, Gail Durbin, David Clarke
5. Diane Rasmussen, Tony Gustin
6. Carly Costanzo, Anna Swanson
7. Mary Jo Fike, Ken Kendall, Julie O'Doherty, Stephanie Stephens, Molly Ohm, Corinna Osborne
8. Gary Bannick, James Gleason, Roger Waller, Greg Classen
9. Tina Broekemeier, Bob Danenhauer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Carly Brown
10. Julie Dragon, Sophia Dragon, Myrna Esluer, Charles Maaske, Barb Nissen
11. Dori Harshbarger
12. Warren Cooke, Shayne Fili, Samantha Kooienga, Ruth Martis, Michael Vutov
13. Nathan Hagge, Carmel Sieberson
14. Bob Fonda
15. Suzanne Choiniere, Ryan Kosola, Emma Link
16. Kenneth Bailey, Antonio Costanzo, Keith Jansen, Sarah Kellams, Julee Schroeder
17. Steve Coufal, Rick Hagge, Elizabeth Morse, Hunter Myers, Thomas Nippert
18. Jonathan Fischer, Ryan Gardner, Dawn Hiatt, Marylin Oldaker, Linda Rosenberg
19. Matthew Hagge, Agnes Kracher
20. Lisa Blatt, Ranae Gardner, Dave Klug, Jon Natvig, Allison Russell, Lin Sheely, Randall Strobel, Robert Ranney
21. Sarah Brumfield, Jim Comfort
22. Anna Kotula, Gena Reynoldson, Isaac Russell, Sydney Theisen
23. Olivia Baker, Brad Madison, Ryan Miller
24. Emily Christensen, Cat Fonda, Ron Frykberg, Vicki Siderewicz
25. Dean Bard, Mark Kidder, Lindsey Natvig, Jorge Valquier-Cruz
26. Courtney Cameron, Jennifer Misbach, Mary Jane Petersen, Caden Sievers, Amanda Schneiderman
27. Teri Meyer, Cody Senn, Annette Worley
28. Jonathan Sarich, Dana Spier, Paul Sum
29. Robert Sundell, Melissa Walker, Margo Ward
31. Steven Hirsh, Lynne Mosiman, Mary Taylor

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 8/1/2023.....	\$1,853,121.65
Principal Payment, 9/1/2023	\$7,372.94
Interest Payment, 9/1/2023.....	\$6,097.99
Balance, 9/1/2023	\$1,845,748.71

Finances: August, 2023

	<i>August</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 65,286.85	\$ 644,623.46
Expenses:		
Mission Support:	\$ 17,222.00	\$ 43,055.00
Christian Education:	\$ 497.11	\$ 5,855.01
Facility Costs:	\$ 18,275.82	\$ 126,564.03
Staff Compensation:	\$ 45,845.89	\$ 419,884.72
Worship & Music:	\$ 1,399.95	\$ 24,986.37
Parish Life:	\$ 2,916.20	\$ 14,309.14
Youth:	\$ 483.73	\$ 8,680.32
Office & Administration:	<u>\$ 2,485.16</u>	<u>\$ 39,355.25</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 89,125.86	\$ 682,689.54

Pastoral Acts

(August 16 - September 15)

Funerals:

Wilma Ann Kruse Sagers, August 19
Lois Andresen, September 8

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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



GO AND...ASK

In a world that is shifting and changing, we have come to recognize the importance of asking good questions. Good questions come from intentional listening and a willingness to engage with the unknown. God, Jesus, prophets, disciples, crowds, and Martin Luther all asked questions. As followers of Jesus, we are called to wrestle with questions, which do not always result in clear answers.

Questions to Consider:

- What big questions are on your heart and mind?
- What is a question you are afraid to ask?
- What would you add to Martin Luther's 95 Theses?
- What is a 'GO to' question as you engage in conversation?

Prayer: Knowing God, what are you asking of me? Amen.

Suggested Song: Ask the Complicated Questions (ACS 1005)

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

In June the Nebraska Synod embarked on a year-long focus to "Go and...". We invite you to be part of this call to GO! and lean in as God's people called, gathered, and sent to "Go and...".

Together, all 90,000 members of the ELCA Nebraska Synod 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.